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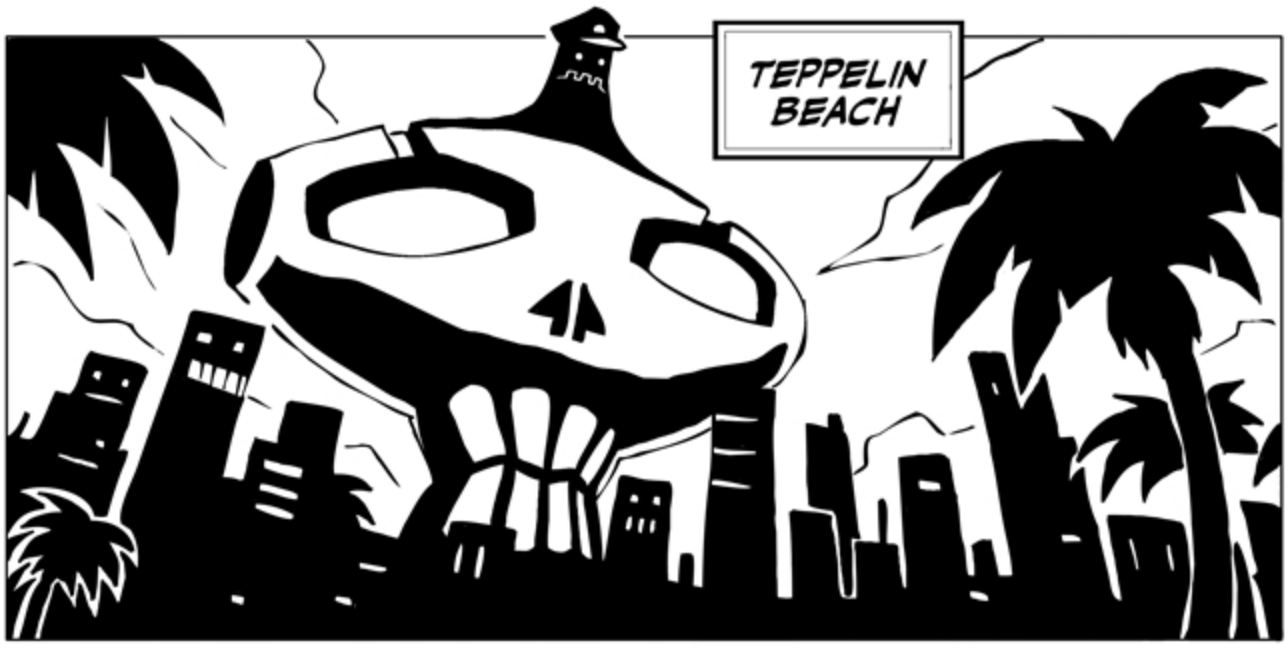
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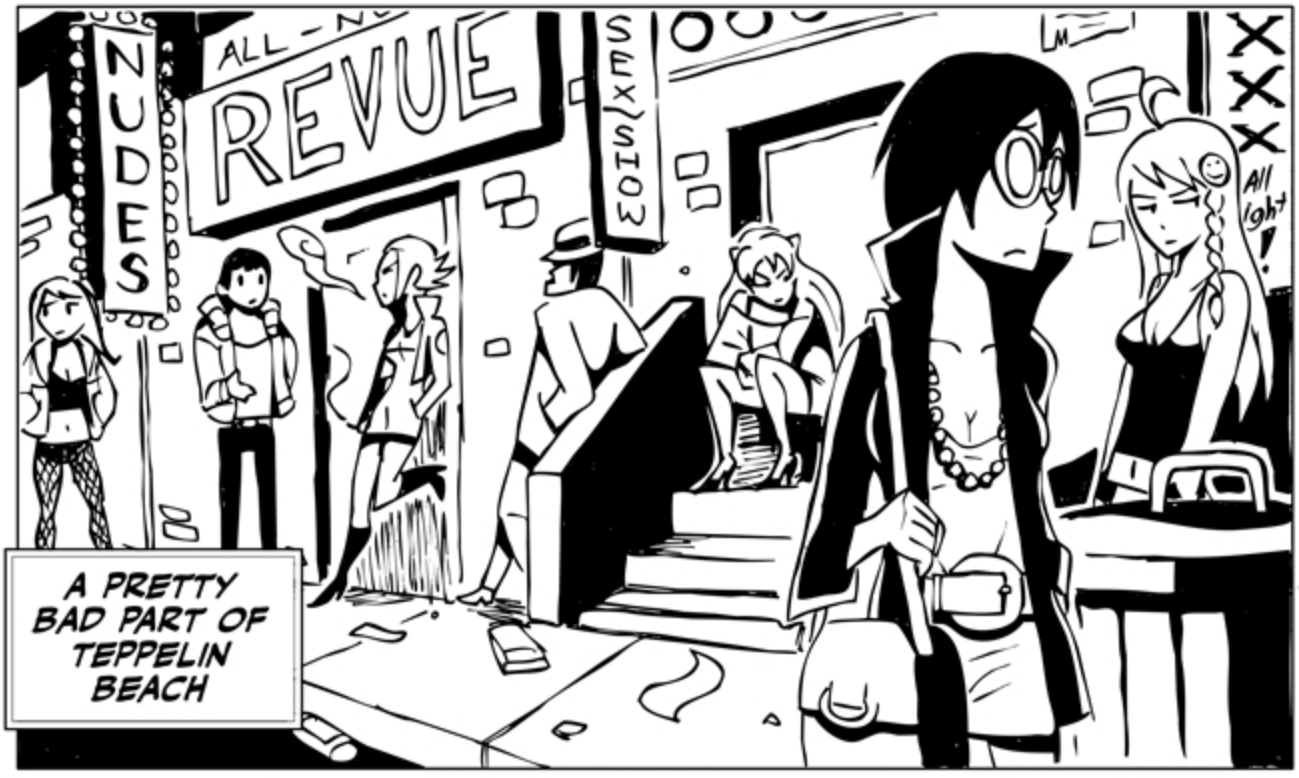
NUDES
REVUE
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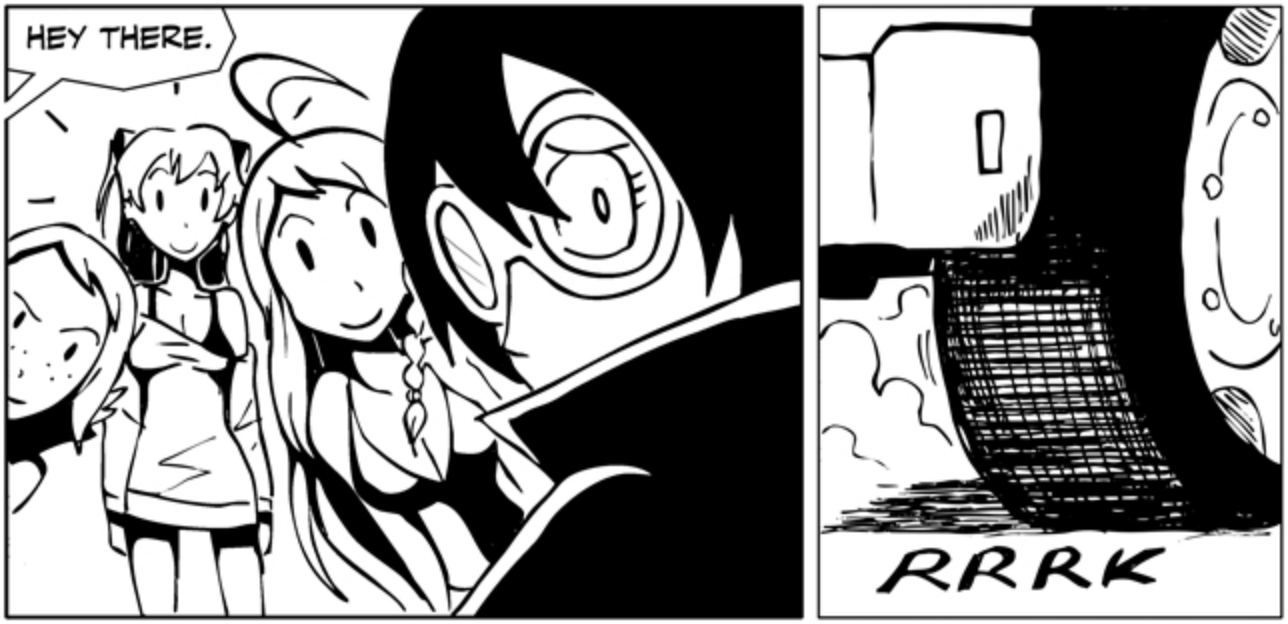
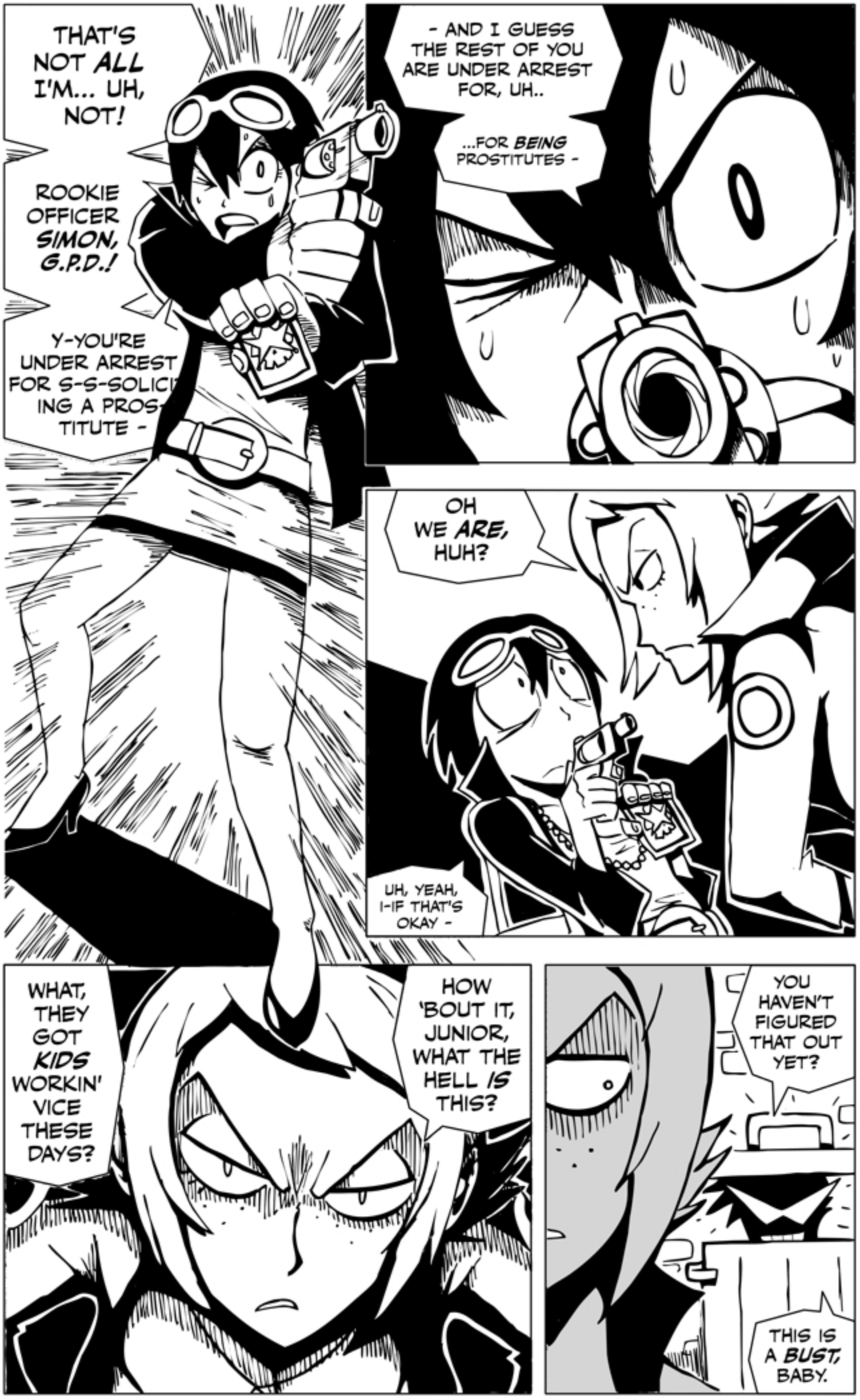
All right!
A PRETTY BAD PART OF TEPPELIN BEACH


HEY THERE.
RRRK

HEY YOURSELF. LOOKIN' FOR SOME COMPANY?
I MIGHT BE.
ME AND MY BUDDIES BEN N' ANDY HERE ARE KINDA LONELY.
OOH, I KNOW THEM. NICE GUYS.
SO HOW'S ABOUT THEY JOIN YOU AND ME AT A HOTEL SOMEWHERE, HUH?
HEY, HOW 'BOUT *YOU*, SWEETHEART?
M..ME?
YEAH, YOU. FEEL LIKE TAKIN' A DRIVE TONIGHT?
UH, SURE THING.... UM, BIG BOY.
JUST SO WE'RE CLEAR, THOUGH, YOU'RE, LIKE, TALKING ABOUT A DRIVE IN THE SENSE THAT WE GO TO A PLACE OF YOUR CHOOSING AND YOU, UH, PAY ME TO PERFORM SEX ACTS, RIGHT?
N-NOT THAT I'M TRYING TO ESTABLISH PROBABLE CAUSE OR ANYTHING.

YOU AIN'T NO HOOKER.
SU-SURE I AM! I LOVE GETTING PAID FOR SEX ACTS!
WAIT, WHAT THE-
Y-YOU AIN'T -
YOU AIN'T EVEN A WOMAN!


THAT'S NOT ALL I'M... UH, NOT!
ROOKIE OFFICER SIMON, G.P.D.!
Y-YOU'RE UNDER ARREST FOR S-S-SOLICI ING A PROS- TITUTE -
- AND I GUESS THE REST OF YOU ARE UNDER ARREST FOR, UH..
...FOR BEING PROSTITUTES -
OH WE ARE, HUH?
UH, YEAH, I-IF THAT'S OKAY -
WHAT, THEY GOT KIDS WORKIN' VICE THESE DAYS?
HOW 'BOUT IT, JUNIOR, WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?
YOU HAVEN'T FIGURED THAT OUT YET?
THIS IS A BUST, BABY.

AND YOU'RE ALL BUSTED!!
OH NO.
OH THANK GOD
NOT HIM.

"HIM..?"
WHO... WHO IS HE?
TMP
WHO AM I?
WHO AM I?!
WELL, JUST CLEAN OUT THOSE EARS, GRAMPS, AND I'LL TELL YA!
VOTED "LOOSEST CANNON" UPON GRAD-UATING THE ACA-DEMY...
...HOLDER OF THE ENTIRE POLICE FORCE'S HIGHEST ARREST RECORD...
...WRONGFUL OR OTHERWISE...

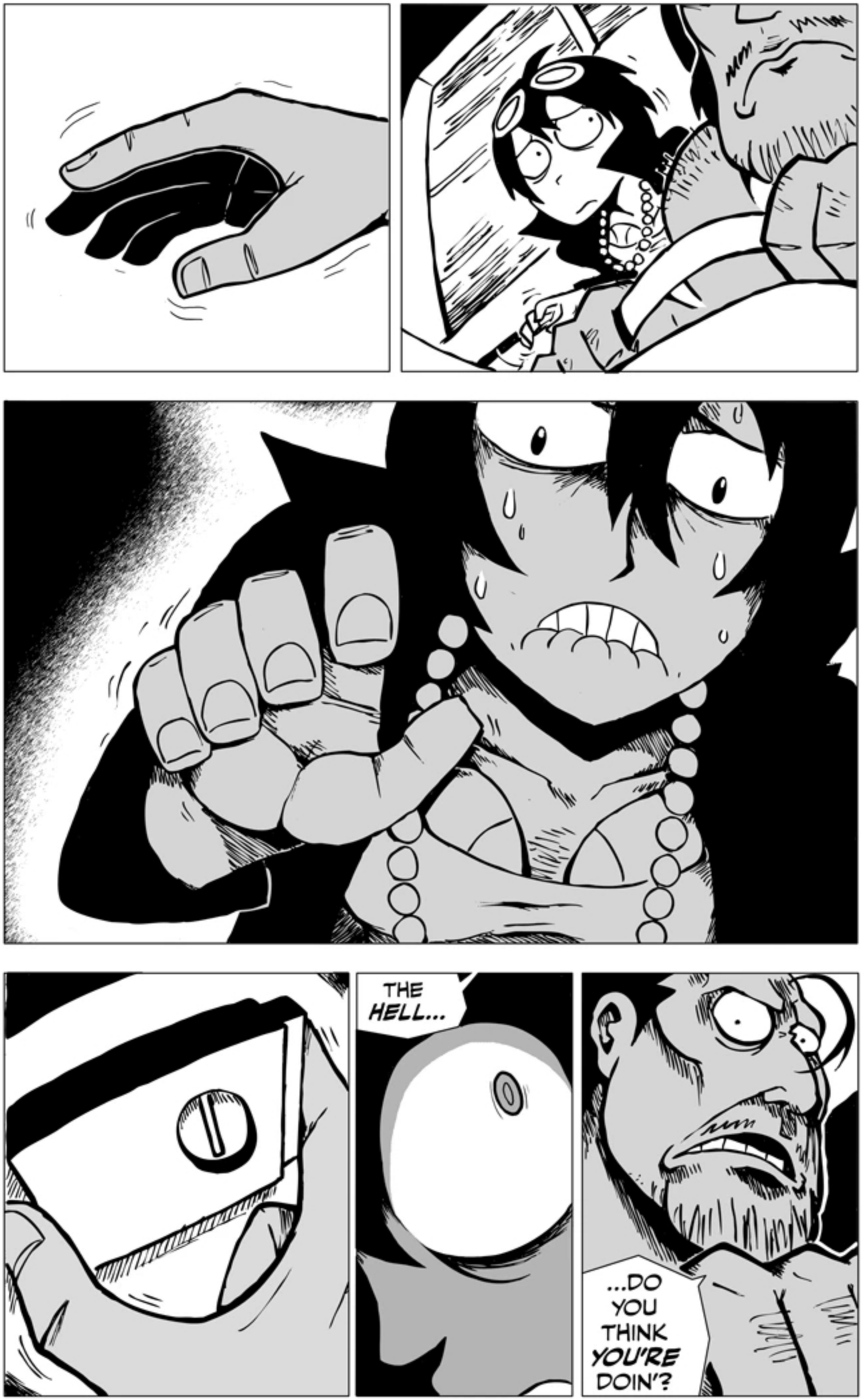
...AND THE ONLY OFFICER IN THE HISTORY OF THE DEPARTMENT WHO'S EVER CAUSED MORE COLLATERAL DAMAGE THAN OUR BUDGET COULD COVER....
...THE LEGENDARY LIEUTENANT DETECTIVE OF THE GPD'S CELEBRATED VICE DIVISION...
THE INCOMPARABLE SUPERCOP, KAMINA!!
WHO THE HELL DO YOU THINK I AM?!

D-DUDE, LIKE... NONE OF THAT STUFF IS ANYTHING TO BE PROUD OF.
MAN, WHATEVER. I'M OUTTA HERE-
WHOA-HOH, MISSY! YOU'RE NOT GOIN' ANYWHERE...
...'CEPT MAYBE DOWN-TOWN.
OR DID YOU NOT HEAR MY PARTNER?
TELL 'EM, LITTLE BRO.
...LITTLE BRO?
...SIMON?
UM...
?
HELP BRO HE TOTALLY KIDNAPPED ME WHILE YOU WERE BUSY YELLING AT THE WHORES
GHRLS
DNAMN
YRRAWW
OH SHIT! SIMON!!

DON'T WORRY, LITTLE GUY! BRO'S COMIN' TO GET YOU!
CLICK
GO TIME
LOCK
UNLOCK
VR
RRRR
BRAAA!!
HUP

VRAAR!
KICKRSN
HEY! YOU GALS DEAF OR WHAT?!
YOU'RE ALL STILL UNDER ARREST!
GET IN HERE!!
OH JEEZ
OH JEEZ
OH JEEZ

OH JEEZ OH JEEZ
OHHHH JEEEEEZZ
YOU KNOW, UH, YOU COULD PROBABLY JUST GET OFF WITH A FINE FOR THE PROSTITUTE THING, BUT... UM...
...BUT IT'S DEFINITELY A FELONY TO RUN FROM AN OFFICER. AND, UH, TO TAKE ANOTHER ONE HOSTAGE.
... DID... DID YOU KNOW THAT -
OF COURSE I KNOW THAT, JACKASS!
AGH!
W-WELL IT- IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO T-TURN YOURSELF IN, THEY MIGHT G-G-GO EASY ON YOU -
KID, I GOT WAY BIGGER PROBLEMS THAN ANY OF THIS SHIT FROM TODAY.
I AIN'T GETTIN' CAUGHT.
WAIT A SEC, WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT?
DID HE - DID HE JUST LOOK DOWN...
...AT THE GLOVE BOX?
WHAT'S IN THERE?
IS THAT WHAT'S GOT HIM SO SPOOKED..?
I'D... I'D BETTER TRY AND TAKE A LOOK.

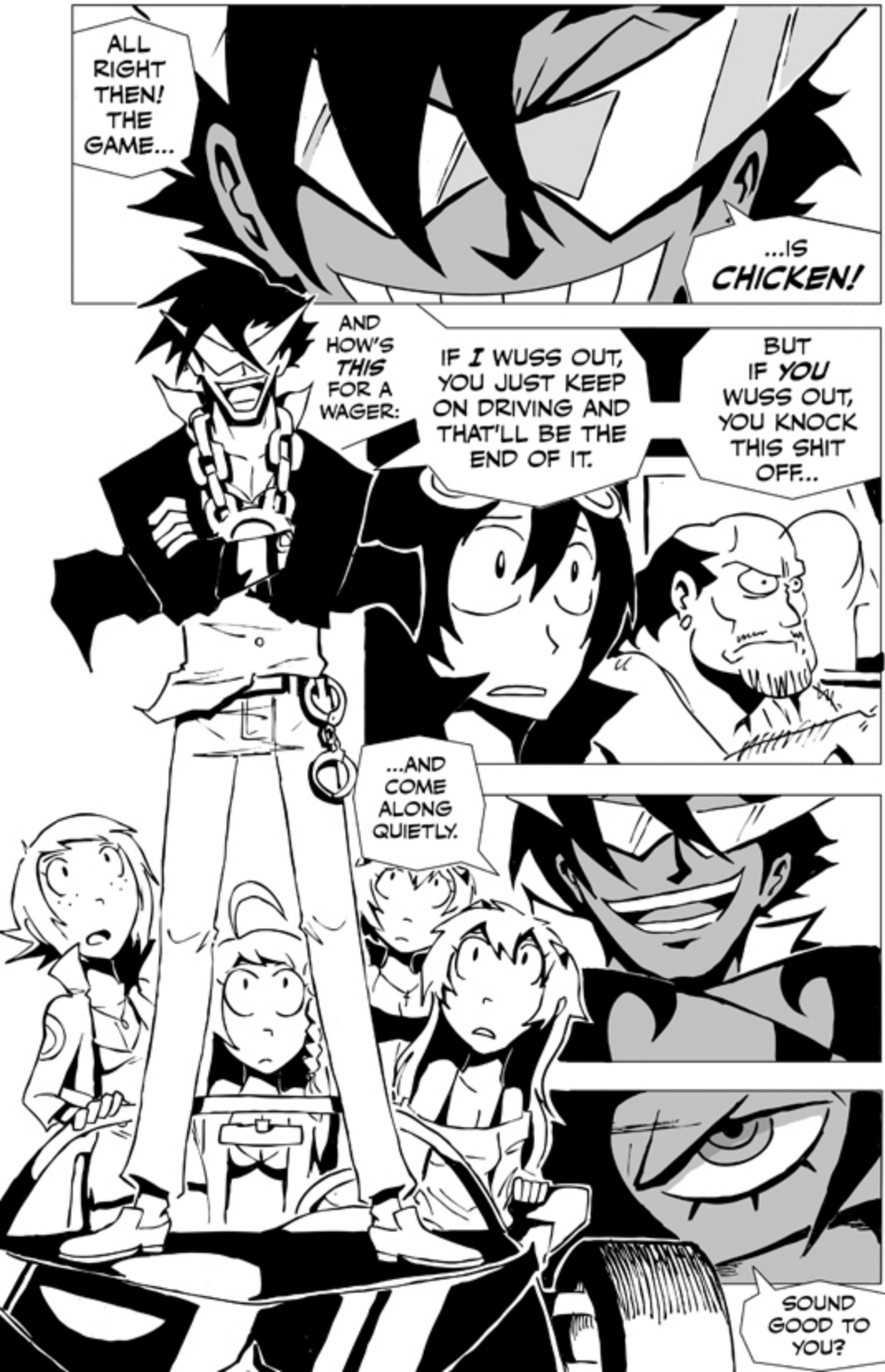

THE HELL...
...DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOIN'?

HANDS OFF THAT LATCH, KID.
C-CALM DOWN, IT-IT'S OK, I - I WAS J-J-JUST -
I SAID LET GO OF THE DAMN LATCH, OR I SWEAR TO GOD I'LL -
HONK HONK

HA HA, YOU SNEAKY *DOUCHE!* YOU ALMOST GAVE ME THE SLIP!
OF COURSE, YOU COULD NEVER OUTRUN MY BADASS *GURRENROD...*
...BUT HEY, "A" FOR EFFORT, BUDDY!
OH GOD *WHY* DID WE AGREE TO COME ALONG
SERIOUSLY IT WOULD HAVE BEEN *SO EASY* TO GET AWAY
...OUTRUN HIS BADASS *WHAT?*
DON'T YOU PATRONIZE *ME,* DICK!
NOW *BACK OFF...*
...OR DID YOU FORGET...
...I STILL GOT MYSELF A HOSTAGE...?

'COURSE I DIDN'T, BUT C'MON.
SCREW THAT.
LET'S SETTLE THIS LIKE MEN.
VRRR
RR!

RRRKK
KICKRSN
TAP
STEP
E-BRAKE!
CRRNK


ALL RIGHT THEN! THE GAME...
...IS CHICKEN!
AND HOW'S THIS FOR A WAGER:
IF I WUSS OUT, YOU JUST KEEP ON DRIVING AND THAT'LL BE THE END OF IT.
BUT IF YOU WUSS OUT, YOU KNOCK THIS SHIT OFF...
...AND COME ALONG QUIETLY.
SOUND GOOD TO YOU?

HEH.
HEH HEH.
HAHA HAHA! YOU MUST THINK I'M PRETTY STUPID, PAL!
ALL TRYIN' TO PSYCH ME OUT, DANGLIN' A "GET OUT OF JAIL FREE" CARD RIGHT UNDER MY NOSE...
WELL, I AIN'T FALLIN' FOR IT, ASSHOLE-
ACTUALLY, UH, I'M PRETTY SURE HE MEANS IT. HE DOES STUFF LIKE THIS ALL THE TIME.
IF I WERE YOU, I'D EITHER GIVE MYSELF UP RIGHT HERE OR GET READY TO DRIVE.
...ALTHOUGH I SUPPOSE YOU COULD TRY TO RUN, BUT THEN HE'D JUST GET MAD -
THE HELL IS THIS?! YOU TRYIN' TO PLAY MIND GAMES TOO, HUH LITTLE MAN -
OH MY GOD, WHAT IS THE HOLDUP?!

A FEW MORE MINUTES AND THESE CHICKS'LL BE MENO-PAUSAL!
ARE WE DRIVING OR NOT, YOU...
PUUUSSYYY?!
ALL RIGHT, THE HELL WITH ALL OF YOU!
WE'RE DOIN' THIS!!

SHIT YES, THAT'S WHAT I'M TALKIN' ABOUT!
SO! WHO WANTS TO GIMME A HAND WITH THIS?
♪ I'LL DROP YOUR CHAAAARGES! ♫ ♪

LIKE 30 SECONDS LATER
HEY! YOU GONNA GET DOWN FROM THERE OR WHAT?!
NAH, I'M GOOD!
OK, SO ON THREE?
MOLEPIG
NOPE, I THINK I'M GONNA JUST GO NOW!!
H-HEY! THAT'S NOT FAIR -
VR
AAA
OH MAN, DICK MOVE!
HA HA HA!
ALL RIGHT, HIT IT!!

BWA
YOU GUYS REMEMBER YOUR CUE, RIGHT?!
I'M REGRETTING IT ALREADY, BUT YES.
WHY DO WE KEEP AGREEING TO THIS CRAP
JUST LIKE WE TALKED ABOUT!
AAA
W...WHY IS HE RIDING ON THE HOOD..?
HA HA HA, 'CAUSE HE'S GOT HIMSELF A DEATH WISH, THAT'S WHY!
YOU'RE BOTH SCREWED, KID-
N-NO! YOU'RE WRONG!
MY BRO KNOWS WHAT HE'S DOING!
HE'S GOTTEN US OUT OF WORSE SCRAPES THAN THIS.
...I JUST HAVE TO TRUST HIM -
READY...
OK, BAIL!!
GRIP

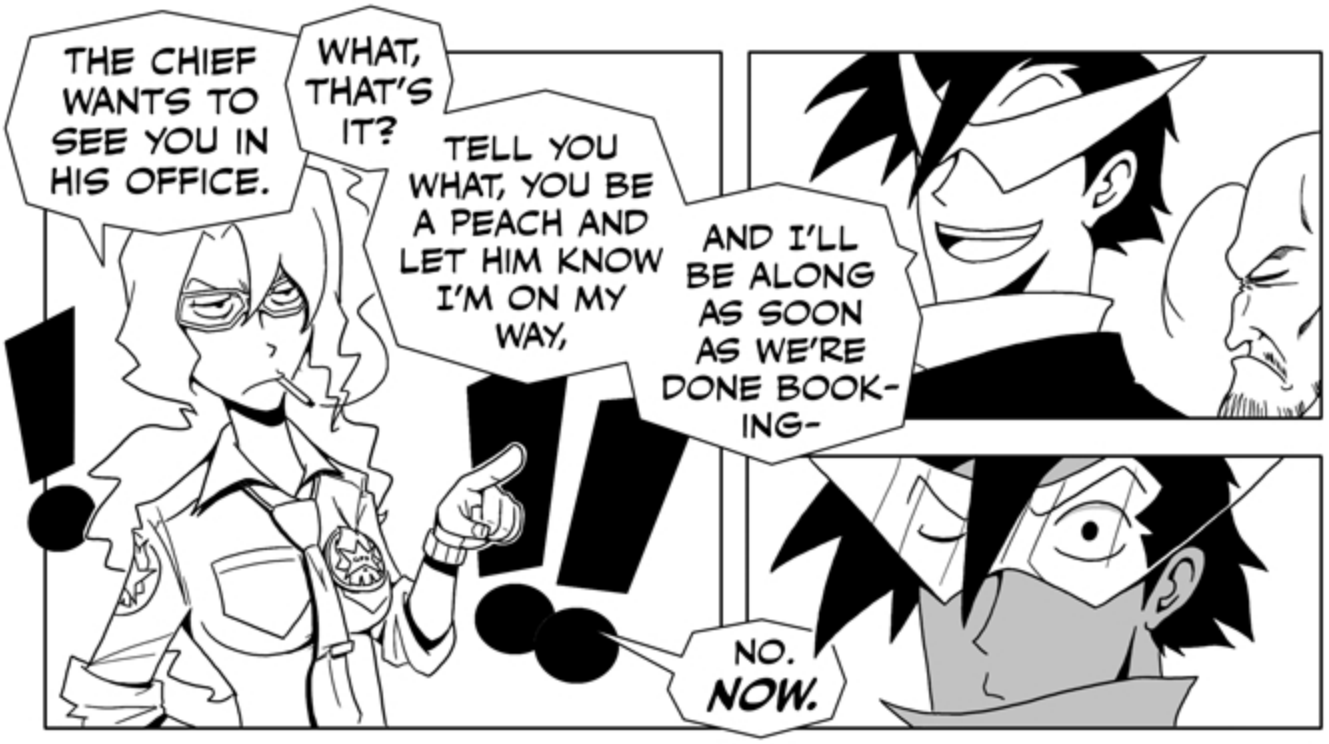
BAIZ
BONK
OW! DAMMIT!
BOK
WHAT THE- WHAT IS HE...
AND HOW-
HOW THE HELL IS HE STILL SPEED-ING UP?!
CRUISE CONTROL, THAT'S HOW
OFF
SET
LET'S DO THIS
THEN HE- HE CAN'T TURN...!
S-SHIT! HE'S REALLY GONNA-

SLAM
BULLET TIME
SKRASH
POW
CHUFF

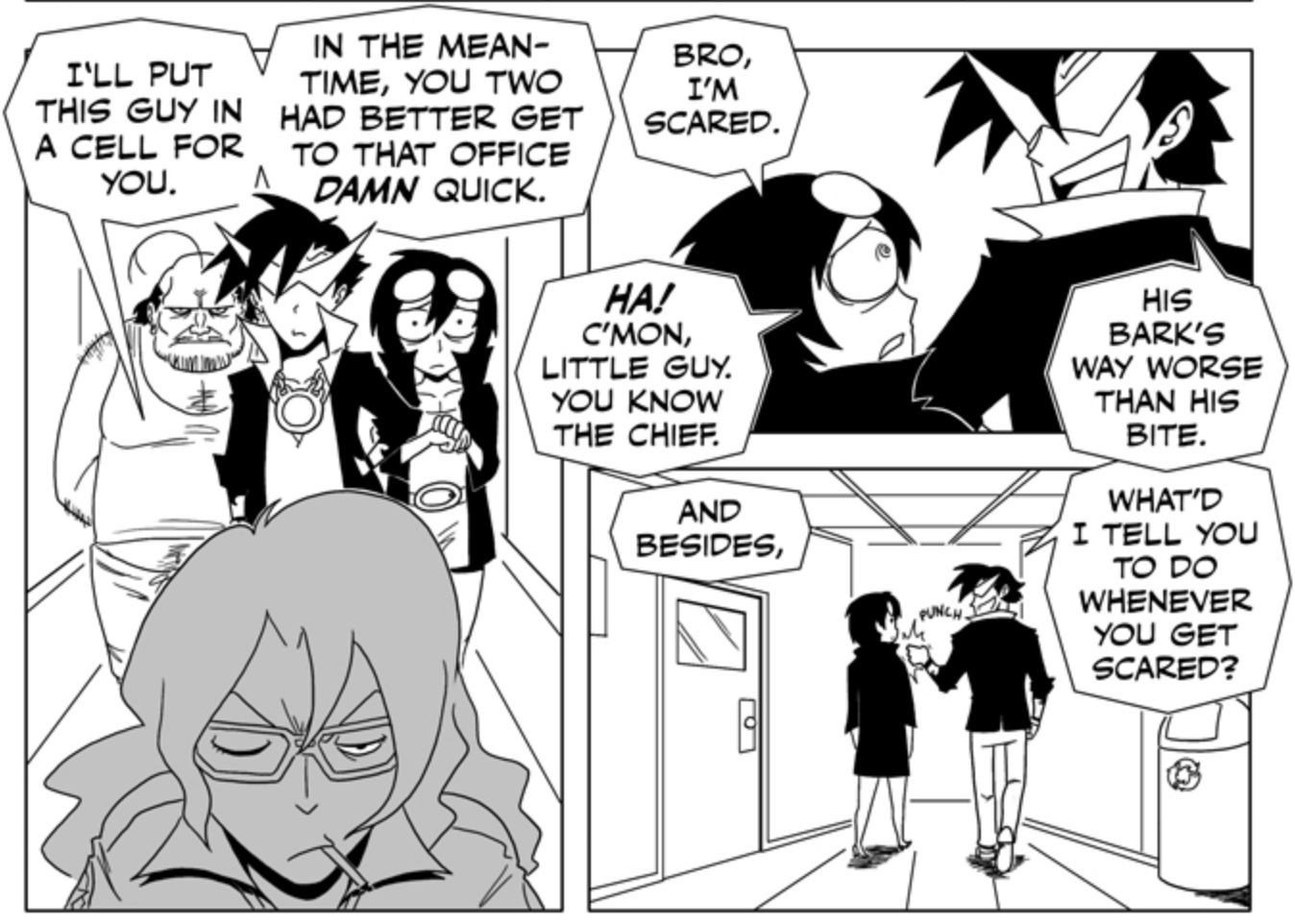
CHOOM
!!!
D... DUDE. THAT WAS TITS.
OK, NOW I'M GLAD WE CAME ALONG.

WHOK
H-HOLY CRAP! YOU WERE AWESOME, BRO!
HEH! THANKS, LITTLE GUY.
click
OH, I GOT YOU COVERED THERE.
I MEAN IT! LIKE.. THE ONLY THING MISSING IS A SNAPPY ONE-LINER-
GARGH
WELL, I GOTTA HAND IT TO YA, BUDDY, YOU AIN'T CHICKEN...
...BUT YOU'RE SURE AS HELL GONNA BE COOPED UP FOR A WHILE!
...YEAH, THAT KINDA SUCKED, HUH.
IT, UH.. IT COULD'VE USED SOME WORK.

AND SO...
TEPPELIN BEACH CITY HALL
G.P.D. HEADQUARTERS
LOOK WHO'S BACK, LADIES!
HEY HEY, THERE HE IS!
WE HEARD ALL ABOUT YOU ON THE NEWS, YOU PSYCHOPATH! WHAT A COLLAR!
YOU WRECK YOUR CAR AGAIN ON THIS ONE, KAMINA?
VERY FUNNY, SMARTASS.
BUT YEAH, I DID.
AND HEY, IS ANYBODY GONNA GET SIMON SOME PAPERWORK OR WHAT?!
WE GOTTA GET THIS DOUCHEBAG BOOKED!
YOU GOT IT, LIEUTEN-ANT.
WHOA WHOA WHOA.
NOT SO FAST, DETECTIVE.
JUH?


THE CHIEF WANTS TO SEE YOU IN HIS OFFICE.
WHAT, THAT'S IT?
TELL YOU WHAT, YOU BE A PEACH AND LET HIM KNOW I'M ON MY WAY,
AND I'LL BE ALONG AS SOON AS WE'RE DONE BOOK-ING-
NO. NOW.

HE IS PISSED.
I DON'T THINK I'VE EVER SEEN HIM THIS MAD.


I'LL PUT THIS GUY IN A CELL FOR YOU.
IN THE MEAN-TIME, YOU TWO HAD BETTER GET TO THAT OFFICE DAMN QUICK.
BRO, I'M SCARED.
HA! C'MON, LITTLE GUY. YOU KNOW THE CHIEF.
HIS BARK'S WAY WORSE THAN HIS BITE.
AND BESIDES,
WHAT'D I TELL YOU TO DO WHENEVER YOU GET SCARED?
PUNCH

H...HOLD ON TO MY BADGE, RIGHT?
I WAS, EARLIER, WHEN YOU WERE PLAYING CHICKEN WITH THE PERP-
ATTA BOY! AND WHY'D I TELL YOU TO DO THAT?
GRAB
A COP'S BADGE IS HIS SOUL, SIMON!
...WAIT, YOU USE YOUR BADGE TO -
...IT RE-PRESENTS THE UNBREAKABLE CAMARADERIE OF THE POLICE FORCE!!
THAT LITTLE HUNK OF METAL ISN'T JUST FOR IM-PRESSING CHICKS, OR FOR GETTING FREE DONUTS, OR FOR SCARING THE BEJESUS OUT OF YOUR NEIGHBORS WHEN THEY'RE BEING TOO LOUD...
THAT BADGE LETS A COP KNOW THAT NO MATTER WHAT BEAT HE'S WALKIN', HE'S NEVER ALONE!
SO YOU JUST DO LIKE YOU DID AND HOLD ON TO THAT THING, KIDDO...
...AND LET YOUR BIG BRO TAKE CARE OF ALL THE SCARY SHIT, ALL RIGHT?
WHOK
ow
Nod Nod
SPEAKING OF WHICH, LET'S SEE WHAT'S GOT THE BIG MAN ALL TICKED OFF, HUH?

SEE, WHAT'D I TELL YOU? HE'S ALREADY COOLED OFF.
YOU WORRY TOO MUCH, LITTLE GUY.
I DUNNO, BRO. I THINK WE JUST GOT LUCKY.
WHOEVER HE'S TALKING TO MUST HAVE CALMED HIM DOWN.
...HEY, WAIT, IS THAT...
...IT... IT IS..!

...NIA!
HM?
AH! MR. DETECTIVE KAMINA!
AND SIMON, TOO! WHAT A LOVELY SURPRISE!
WELL, SAME TO YOU, SWEET-HEART!
I SWEAR, YOU JUST GET CUTER EVERY TIME I SEE YOU.
AIN'T THAT RIGHT, SIMON?
I.. UH, SHE...YEAH, THAT'S...UM... RIGHT...
OH, STOP, YOU TWO. I'LL SIMPLY DIE OF EM-BARRASS-MENT!
Tee Hee!
AND BESIDES, SIMON LOOKS CUTE TOO! I LOVE THAT DRESS!
YOU MUST HAVE JUST COME FROM A COSTUME PARTY. WHAT FUN!
OH - OH GOD, I'M STILL WEARING THIS THING?!

MORE LIKE, WE JUST CAME FROM A BAD ASS UNDERCOVER PROSTITUTION STING!
SIMON WAS THE BAIT! HE EVEN GOT KIDNAPPED AND EVERYTHING!
IT WAS AWE-SOME.
H... HOW TERRIBLY EXCITING! YOU WEREN'T HURT, I HOPE??
YOU ARE NOT HELPING
WHO, THIS GUY? COME ON!
SIMON'S TOUGH AS NAILS!
NO WAY SOME TWO-BIT KIDNAPPER'S GONNA PUT HIM OUTTA COMMISSION!
W... WOW
NICE SAVE, BRO.
SO! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, LITTLE LADY?
WE HARDLY EVER SEE YOU AROUND THE PRECINCT ANY-MORE!
TOO BUSY CHASIN' THAT FANCY POLITICAL SCIENCE DEGREE OF YOURS, HUH?
HA HA, WELL, UNIVERSITY HAS BEEN KEEPING ME RATHER BUSY. BUT!
BUT!

NOW THAT THE SEMESTER IS WINDING DOWN, I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT GETTING AN INTERNSHIP WITH A LOCAL POLITICIAN FOR THE SUMMER.
YOU KNOW, TO GET SOME REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELD?
WELL, DADDY CALLED ME TODAY, AND WOULD YOU CARE TO VENTURE A GUESS AS TO WHAT HE TOLD ME??
YOU GOT ME. WHAT?
HE TOLD ME THAT HE MANAGED TO GET ME A POSITION...
... ON THE MAYOR'S RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN!
ISN'T THAT INCREDI-BLE?!
THAT... THAT'S GREAT, NIA..!
YEAH, NO KIDDING! MOVIN' UP IN THE WORLD ALREADY!
I KNOW! SO, I DECIDED TO STOP BY AND THANK HIM IN PERSON.
THANK YOU, DADDY!
YOU'RE WELCOME, HONEY-BUN.
CAN YOU DO ONE FAVOR FOR ME, THOUGH?
OF COURSE! ANYTHING!
COULD YOU EXCUSE YOURSELF FOR JUST A FEW MINUTES?
DADDY'S GOT TO TALK TO OUR TWO FRIENDS HERE ABOUT SOME BORING POLICE BUSINESS.
IT WON'T TAKE LONG AT ALL.
AH, I UNDER-STAND.
OK! I'LL COME BACK IN 15 MINUTES WITH SOME NICE FRESH COFFEE, THEN!
HOW DOES THAT SOUND?
SOUNDS GREAT, MUFFIN.

WELL, IT WAS WONDERFUL TO HAVE SEEN YOU AGAIN, MR. KAMINA! YOU TOO, SIMON!
LIKEWISE, MISSY. BEST OF LUCK TO YA!
AND I'M SURE I'LL BE SEEING YOU AGAIN SOME-TIME SOON.
THE MAYOR'S OFFICE IS ONLY A FEW FLOORS DOWN, AFTER ALL!
Y...YEAH, THAT'S - THAT'S T-TRUE! I - UH, I'LL... I GUESS I'LL -
BYE, SIMON.
WHAT A SWELL KID.
AND *MAN* DOES SHE LIKE YOU, LITTLE GUY!
WHEN ARE YOU GONNA GROW A PAIR AND ASK HER OUT ALREADY?!
KTAK
Q-QUIET, BRO! DON'T - DON'T SAY STUFF LIKE THAT IN FRONT OF THE CHIEF -
AW, HE DOESN'T CARE. DO YA, CHIEF?
AND HEY, WHAT WAS IT YOU WANTED TO SEE US ABOUT ANYWAY -
CRUNCH

LET ME ASK YOU SOMETHING, DETECTIVE.
DO YOU TRY TO BE SO SPECTACU-LARLY AWFUL AT YOUR JOB, OR DOES IT JUST COME NATURALLY?
OH WHAT, ARE YOU PISSED ABOUT MY ARREST TODAY?
I DIDN'T KNOW THAT "CATCHING DANGEROUS CRIMINALS LIKE A TOTAL HARDASS" SUDDENLY COUNTS AS "SPECTACULARLY AWFUL" POLICE WORK-
IT DOES WHEN YOU LET KEY WITNESSES GO IN EXCHANGE FOR FAVORS,
PROVOKE A SUSPECT INTO PLAYING CHICKEN,
AND DRESS YOUR ROOKIE PARTNER IN DRAG,
ALL OF WHICH ARE THINGS YOU SEEM TO DO ON A DISTURBINGLY REGULAR BASIS!!
LOOK, YOU WANNA SPLIT HAIRS ABOUT MY METHODS, FINE,
BUT DON'T EXPECT ME TO APOLOGIZE FOR 'EM WHEN THEY GET RESULTS-

WHO THE HELL SAID THEY DO?!
YOU HAVEN'T MADE A SHRED OF PROGRESS ON YOUR ASSIGNED CASE IN WEEKS!!
REMEMBER? THE DRUG CARTEL YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE INVESTIGATING? THAT SLIP YOUR MIND OR SOMETHING?!
N-NO, OF COURSE IT DIDN'T!
HE JUST GOT BORED OF ALL THE DESK WORK AND PASSED IT ALONG TO ME. I'LL BE DONE WITH IT SOON, I SWEAR-
YOU'VE GOT THE KID DOING YOUR PAPER-WORK TOO?!
WHAT, STICKING HIM ON STREET CORNERS IN A SKIRT WASN'T A BLATANT ENOUGH MISUSE OF HIS TIME?!
H-H-HEY! IT'S N-NOT A MISUSE OF MY T-TIME!
BIG BRO'S THE B-BEST OFFICER IN THE WHOLE D-D-DEPART-MENT,
SO I'M G-GONNA DO WHATEVER HE T-TELLS ME I'VE GOTTA DO TO BE J-JUST LIKE HIM!
. . .
GOOD GOD.
I'M GETTING YOU AWAY FROM HIM JUST IN TIME.

W-W-WAIT, WHAT?! WHAT ARE YOU T-TALKING ABOUT?!
B-B-BRO AND I ARE- ARE-
grip
GPD
B-BRO AND I ARE A T-T-TEAM! I'M N-N-NOT GOING ANY-WHERE!
R-RIGHT, BRO? T-T-TELL HIM!
DAMN STRAIGHT WE ARE, BUDDY.
I KNOW A BLUFF WHEN I HEAR ONE...
...WE ALL KNOW NOBODY COULD BUST UP A PARTNERSHIP THIS AWESOME EVEN IF THEY TRIED!
Y-Y-YEAH!
AND BE-SIDES...
BUMP
DETECTIVE, DO YOU ACTUALLY KNOW WHY YOU AND THE KID THERE ARE STILL PARTNERS?
DO YOU KNOW WHY YOU EVEN STILL HAVE A JOB HERE?

W-WELL, ISN'T IT BECAUSE HE'S GOOD FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S MORALE? I MEAN, THEY ALL THINK HE'S DOING A GREAT JOB, AND WHENEVER WE MAKE AN ARREST IT ALWAYS MAKES THE HEADLINES.
I'M PRETTY SURE THAT'S A BIG PART OF WHY PUBLIC SUPPORT HAS NEVER BEEN HIGHER THAN IT IS NOW. THERE'D PROBABLY BE A HUGE OUTCRY IF YOU FIRED HIM.
HEY-O! LOOK WHOSE BALLS JUST DROPPED!
OH MAN, LOOK AT YOUR FACE! HE'S TOTALLY RIGHT, ISN'T HE?! HAHAHA, SWEET! I AM UNTOUCHABLE!
SHUT UP, DETECTIVE.
...YOU'RE A PRETTY PERCEPTIVE KID, SIMON.
I'LL BE INTERESTED TO SEE HOW FAR YOU GO WITHOUT THIS IDIOT SLOWING YOU DOWN.
OH COME ON, CHIEF. THIS AGAIN?
THE KID JUST BLEW THE DOORS OFF YOUR BLUFF. YOU GOT NOTHIN'-
SHUT UP, DETECTIVE.
AND WHO EVER SAID I WAS BLUFFING?
SEND HIM IN, LEITE.
RIGHT AWAY, SIR.
?

..."SEND HIM IN?" SEND WHO IN?
LISTEN TO ME AND LISTEN GOOD, DETECTIVE.
THE DEPARTMENT, THE PUBLIC, THE WHOLE GODFORSAKEN WORLD CAN THINK WHATEVER THEY WANT ABOUT YOU,
BUT I KNOW YOU'RE NOTHING BUT WORTHLESS SHOWBOATING DEADWEIGHT.
AND THAT, MY FRIEND, IS WHY I'VE CALLED IN SOMEONE WHO'LL MAKE YOU LOOK SO BAD BY COMPARISON,
THEY'LL ALL BE BEGGING ME TO FIRE YOUR NO-ACCOUNT ASS BY THE END OF THE WEEK.
AND THE FACT THAT YOU'VE GOT THEM CONVINCED OTHERWISE IS A TESTAMENT TO WHAT AN UNBELIEVABLY TERRIBLE INFLUENCE YOU ARE ON ANYONE THAT GETS NEAR YOU.
CREEEE

GPD

WHAT, THIS KNOB?
WHO THE HELL'S HE SUPPOSED TO BE?
THIS IS LIEUTE-NANT DETEC-TIVE KITTAN BLACK.
JUST TRANS-FERRED HERE FROM THE 149TH PRECINCT, AT MY RE-QUEST.
GRAD-UATED THE ACADEMY WITH TOP HONORS,
GPD
BROKE ARREST RECORDS FOR HIS DEPARTMENT THREE YEARS IN A ROW...

AND AS A RESULT, HAS SINGLEHANDEDLY CREATED A BUDGET SURPLUS FOR SAID DEPARTMENT,
ALLOWING THEM TO TRAIN THE FOUR OR SO NEW OFFICERS THEY'LL NEED TO ABSORB HIS WORKLOAD,
NOW THAT WE'RE LUCKY ENOUGH TO HAVE HIM ON BOARD...
...AS YOUR NEW PARTNER.

N-NEW P-P-PARTNER?! B-BRO, HE WASN'T BLUFFING. HE WASN'T BLUFFING-
WHAT, YOU'RE ACTUALLY WORRIED ABOUT THIS? COME ON, THE GUY'S JUST SOME IDIOT KISS-ASS BOY SCOUT.
I ALREADY KNOW HOW I'M GONNA GET RID OF HIM.
R-REALLY? YOU DO?!
SURE I DO! I'M GONNA COMPLETELY HAZE THE SHIT OUT OF HIM.
HE'LL BE RUNNING BACK TO THE 149TH CRYING BEFORE YOU KNOW IT, AND YOU AND I'LL BE BACK ON THE BEAT LIKE NOTHING EVER HAPPENED!
THAT'S... THAT'S YOUR WHOLE PLAN?
I KNOW, RIGHT? IT'S PERFECT! HE WON'T EVEN-
HEY, IF YOU TWO GIRLS ARE DONE WHISPERING ABOUT YOUR PERIODS...
...I'D LIKE TO GET UP TO SPEED ON THIS CASE YOU'VE ALLEGEDLY BEEN WORKING ON.
UNLESS YOU'D RATHER JUST CUT TO THE CHASE AND HAND THE INVESTIGATION OVER TO ME. I MEAN, WE ALL KNOW I'M GONNA BE REPLACING YOU EVENTUALLY.
WHY BOTHER WAITING 'TIL THE NEXT TIME YOU HORRIBLY BOTCH AN ARREST, Y'KNOW?

OOOH, DID I HIT A NERVE, TOUGH GUY?
YOU GONNA ACTUALLY DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT,
OR ARE YOU GONNA DO LIKE YOU DO WITH YOUR PAPER-WORK AND DELEGATE TO YOUR LITTLE CRONY THERE?
YOINK
SKRRRTCH
AGH OH GOD YOU SON OF A BITCH
HAZING

DUDE WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU-
WITH ME? WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?
YOU'RE THE ONE WALKING AROUND WITH A MATCH IN YOUR MOUTH, YOU JAG.
DO YOU EVEN SMOKE-
DETECTIVE.
IF YOU AREN'T OUT OF THIS OFFICE AND BRIEFING LT. BLACK ON YOUR CASE INSIDE OF TEN SECONDS,
I'M GOING TO DO SO MUCH WORSE THAN FIRE YOU, PUBLIC OPINION BE DAMNED.
ARE WE CLEAR?!
YEAH OKAY

SLAM
CHIEF GENOME
WELL, GUESS THAT'S THAT.
SERIOUSLY PAL, YOU PULL SOMETHING LIKE THIS AGAIN,
I AM KICKING YOUR ASS TWELVE WAYS FROM TUESDAY-
WHACK
MAN, CALM DOWN, DOUCHE.
C'MON, LET'S HIT THE BRIEFING ROOM.
GIMME YOUR KEYS, I'M DRIVING.
YEAH, THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK, JACK-
WAIT, WHAT? "DRIVING?"

UM, CH-CH-CHIEF-
WHAT
...OH. SIMON.
YOU'RE STILL HERE?
Y-YES S-S-SIR, S-SORRY SIR.
I - I J-JUST- I'M W-W-WONDER-ING - ER, TH-THAT IS, I W-WANTED TO KN-KN-KNOW-
SPIT IT OUT, KID.
W-WELL, IT'S J-JUST THAT...
...THAT I'M N-N-NOT SURE WHERE THIS LEAVES M-M-ME, S-SIR.
WH-WHO AM I S-S-SUPPOSED TO W-WORK WITH N-N-NOW?
AM- AM I EVEN S-S-STILL ON THE C-CARTEL CASE?
AND WHAT- WHAT ABOUT THE ARREST FROM EARLIER T-T-TODAY, DO I STILL HAVE TO P-P-PROCESS THE S-SUSPECT-
THE- THE SUSPECT-
WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT? DID HE JUST LOOK DOWN AT THE GLOVE BOX?
I'D... I'D BETTER TAKE A LOOK-
HANDS OFF THAT LATCH, KID

CHIEF, THE SUSPECT! HE WAS CLEARLY HIDING SOMETHING INCRIMINATING IN HIS GLOVE BOX!
HE WAS DESPERATE ENOUGH TO PUT A GUN TO MY HEAD WHEN I TRIED TO SNEAK A LOOK AT IT-
-IS ANYONE SEARCHING-
WE HAVE TO SEARCH THE WRECKAGE, WHATEVER IT WAS MIGHT STILL BE INTACT!
OH MAN-
...IS THAT SO.
WELL, I'M GLAD YOU BROUGHT THIS TO MY ATTENTION, SIMON. I'LL CONTACT THE FORENSICS TEAM RIGHT AWAY.
AND SEE, WHAT'D I TELL YOU BEFORE?
TWO MINUTES WITHOUT THAT IMBECILE KAMINA AROUND AND YOU'RE ALREADY CRACKING CASES LIKE AN OLD PRO.
THANK YOU, SIR.
I THINK YOU'RE GOING TO BE JUST FINE ON YOUR OWN, DON'T YOU?
I- I GUESS SO, SIR.
THAT DOES MEAN I EXPECT YOU TO FINISH THE SUSPECT'S PAPERWORK, THOUGH, SO YOU'D BETTER GET TO IT.
...YES SIR.
OH, AND SIMON?

DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT TALKING TO MY DAUGHTER UNTIL YOU'VE CHANGED OUT OF THAT DAMN DRESS.
...Y-YES SIR.
SHUT.
GENOME
GPD

ELSEWHERE
ALSO IT'S LIKE 15 MINUTES LATER
VRRRRRRR?
RRRKER-SLAM
WOO!
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MAN, THAT WAS A BLAST! I THINK I MIGHT JUST HAVE TO GET ONE OF THESE THINGS FOR MYSELF NOW.
HOW YOU DOIN' BACK THERE, GUY? HAVIN' FUN?

NO. NO, I'M NOT HAVING FUN.
HAVE YOU EVER EVEN RIDDEN A MOTORCYCLE BEFORE?!
NOW WHY WOULD YOU ASK A DUMB QUESTION LIKE THAT?
BECAUSE YOU WERE CONSTANTLY WEAVING INTO ONCOMING TRAFFIC?
BECAUSE YOU ALMOST LOWSIDED IN EVERY SINGLE TURN?
BECAUSE YOU TOOK A SHORTCUT INTO THE PARKING LOT BY JUMPING A HIGHWAY GUARDRAIL?!
GOD, I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU MANAGED TO CONVINCE ME TO LET YOU DRIVE IN THE FIRST PLACE-
AND YET, HERE WE ARE! MAYBE YOU'RE JUST REALLY WEAK-WILLED.
2THECRB
YOU KNOW, PAL, IF I DIDN'T KNOW BETTER...
...I'D SAY YOU WERE DELIBERATELY SCREWING WITH ME.
WELL NOW YOU'RE JUST BEING PARANOID.
AND DON'T THINK THE CHIEF ISN'T GONNA HEAR ABOUT THIS, BECAUSE I'M NOT LEAVIN' A THING OUT OF MY REPORT -
SURE, LAUGH IT OFF IF YOU WANT, ASSHOLE. I'M ON TO YOU.
WHATEVER YOU SAY, BUDDY. WE GONNA DO THIS BRIEFING THING OR NOT?
YEAH, YOU KNOW WHAT, THAT'S ANOTHER THING.
WHAT THE HELL ARE WE DOING HERE?
'CAUSE I'M PRETTY SURE THIS ISN'T A BRIEFING ROOM.

THE GUNK EYE
-cocktails
-billiards
LOOKS MORE LIKE SOME GRODY-ASS DIVE BAR FROM WHERE I'M STANDING.
DAMN, NOTHING GETS BY YOU, DOES IT? IT'S ALMOST LIKE YOU'RE A... A DETECTIVE OR SOMETHING!
AND ANYWAY, RIDDLE ME THIS, SHERLOCK.
IF YOU'VE GOTTA TALK BUSINESS, WOULDN'T YOU RATHER DO SO IN A PLACE THAT DOES DOLLAR SHOTS FROM 7 TO CLOSE INSTEAD OF SOME SHITTY CRAMPED OFFICE?
I DON'T DRINK, SO NO, NOT REALLY.
OF COURSE YOU DON'T.
MAN, YOU'RE THE REAL THING, YOU KNOW THAT? IT MUST TAKE SOME SERIOUS EFFORT TO BE THAT LAME.
YEAH, OK. CAN WE JUST FIND A SEAT AND GET THIS...
...OVER...
...WITH...

D...DUDE. WHAT'S - WHAT *IS* THIS?!
IS THIS, LIKE... A *CARNY* BAR OR SOMETHING?

WHOA, MAN! HAVE A LITTLE TACT, HUH?
THESE FOLKS ARE HARD EARNERS, BUDDY.
THEY CAN'T HELP IT IF THEY'RE TOO BROKE-ASS TO LIVE ANYWHERE BUT DOWNRIVER FROM THE NUCLEAR PLANT.
SO THEY'RE MUTANTS? JEEZ.
HOW THE HELL DID THE CITY LET THIS SLIDE?!
DUDE, YOU'RE JUST FROM ANOTHER PRECINCT, NOT ANOTHER CONTINENT. HOW DO YOU NOT KNOW ABOUT THIS?
I... DON'T REALLY PAY ATTENTION TO THE LOCAL NEWS-
WOW. THAT IS A GREAT QUALITY IN A PUBLIC SERVANT.
- BECAUSE I'M TOO BUSY DOING MY JOB.
BITE ME, DOUCHEBAG.
ANYWAY, TO ANSWER YOUR STUPID QUESTION,
A FEW YEARS BACK, THE MAYOR AXED A BUNCH OF ZONING REGS AROUND THIS PART OF TOWN SO THE GUYS FROM THE PLANT COULD BE MORE LAX ABOUT WHERE THEY DUMP WASTE.
TOTAL DICK MOVE, IT WAS HILARIOUS.
ALMOST COST HIM THE JOB, BUT HE SMOOTHED THINGS OVER BY DRUMMING UP FUNDS FOR A NEW STADIUM OR WHATEVER.
BUT YEAH, PRETTY MUCH EVERYONE AROUND HERE IS STILL WAY BITTER ABOUT THE WHOLE THING.
MY ADVICE TO YOU IS TO NOT MENTION ANYTHING ABOUT IT, OR YOU'RE LIABLE TO GET THE LIVING SHIT KICKED OUT OF YOU.
YEAH, NO KIDDING. GOOD CALL.

HEY *HEY!* HOW THE HELL ARE YOU, ADIANE?! BEEN AGES!
MY COLLEAGUE HERE WAS JUST TELLING ME HOW BADLY YOUR GROSS MUTANT TAIL THING IS CREEPING HIM OUT.
HIS WORDS, NOT MINE.
..DETECTIVE KAMINA.
I THOUGHT I'D MADE IT PERFECTLY CLEAR THAT YOU'RE NOT WELCOME HERE ANYMORE.
MAYBE HE NEEDS A REMINDER.
WHONK.

HOWDY, VIRAL. HOW'VE YOU BEEN?
YOU'VE GOT SOME NERVE SHOWIN' UP HERE AFTER LAST TIME, DIPSHIT.
GIVE ME ONE GOOD REASON WHY I SHOULDN'T REARRANGE YOUR FACE RIGHT NOW.
GIVE IT A REST, DUDE. I'M JUST HERE TO GET A FRIENDLY DRINK WITH MY NEW PARTNER.
MY ASS YOU ARE. I'VE GOT HALF A MIND TO-
YEAH, YOU MUST HAVE HALF A MIND,
BECAUSE YOU'VE APPARENTLY FORGOTTEN THAT I KNOW YOU FOLKS ARE STILL RUNNIN' THIS PLACE WITH AN EXPIRED LIQUOR LICENSE.
!
SO, Y'KNOW. WE COULD DEAL WITH THAT WHOLE SONG AND DANCE RIGHT NOW,
OR YOU COULD JUST GIVE US A COUPLE OF DRINKS.
YOUR CALL.

...IF EITHER OF 'EM SO MUCH AS SNEEZE AT ANY OF MY CUSTOMERS,
THEY'RE BOTH LEAVING WITH A FEW LESS FINGERS. GOT THAT?
YOU DON'T NEED TO TELL ME TWICE, BABE.
SWEET, WE ARE IN BUSINESS.
WHAT'S YOUR POISON, DINGBAT?
WHAT PART OF "I DON'T DRINK" MANAGED TO ELUDE YOU, NIMROD?
THE PART WHERE YOU MAN UP, KNOCK BACK A FEW COLD ONES, AND STOP BEING SUCH A GIGANTIC WHINY TOOLBOX?
LOOK ASSHOLE, I'VE BEEN CLEAN AND SOBER FOR 3 YEARS.
YOU REALLY THINK A FEW TOOTHLESS JABS ARE GONNA MAKE ME FALL OFF THE WAGON-
PUUUUUSSSSYYYY
GIVE US A PITCHER OF GIN.
BAM

OK THEN
MUCH OBLIGED, SWEETHEART.
SHUT THE HELL UP. AND DON'T FORGET-
-I'LL BE KEEPING AN EYE ON YOU.
HEY, MAYBE IF YOU TONED DOWN THE MIKE SCORE HAIRCUT A BIT, YOU COULD USE BOTH EYES.
THAT EVER CROSS YOUR MIND, GENIUS?
SO. WHAT'S THE HISTORY THERE?
NOT THAT I'M SURPRISED ALL THESE PEOPLE HATE YOUR GUTS, OF COURSE.
EH, NOTHIN' TOO SPECIAL. BLONDIE THERE IS THE OWNER'S DOUCHEBAG BOYFRIEND, AND THEY'RE BOTH ALL CRANKY 'CAUSE I LIKE TO COME HERE AND SHAKE PEOPLE DOWN FOR INFO WHEN I'M ALL OUT OF LEADS.
PLACE IS JUST LOUSY WITH DESPERATE ASSHOLES, MOST OF 'EM JUST PETTY CROOKS...
...BUT YOU'D BE SURPRISED HOW MANY COUGH UP SOME REAL-DEAL CRIMINAL CONNECTIONS AFTER A GOOD OLD-FASHIONED BAR FIGHT.

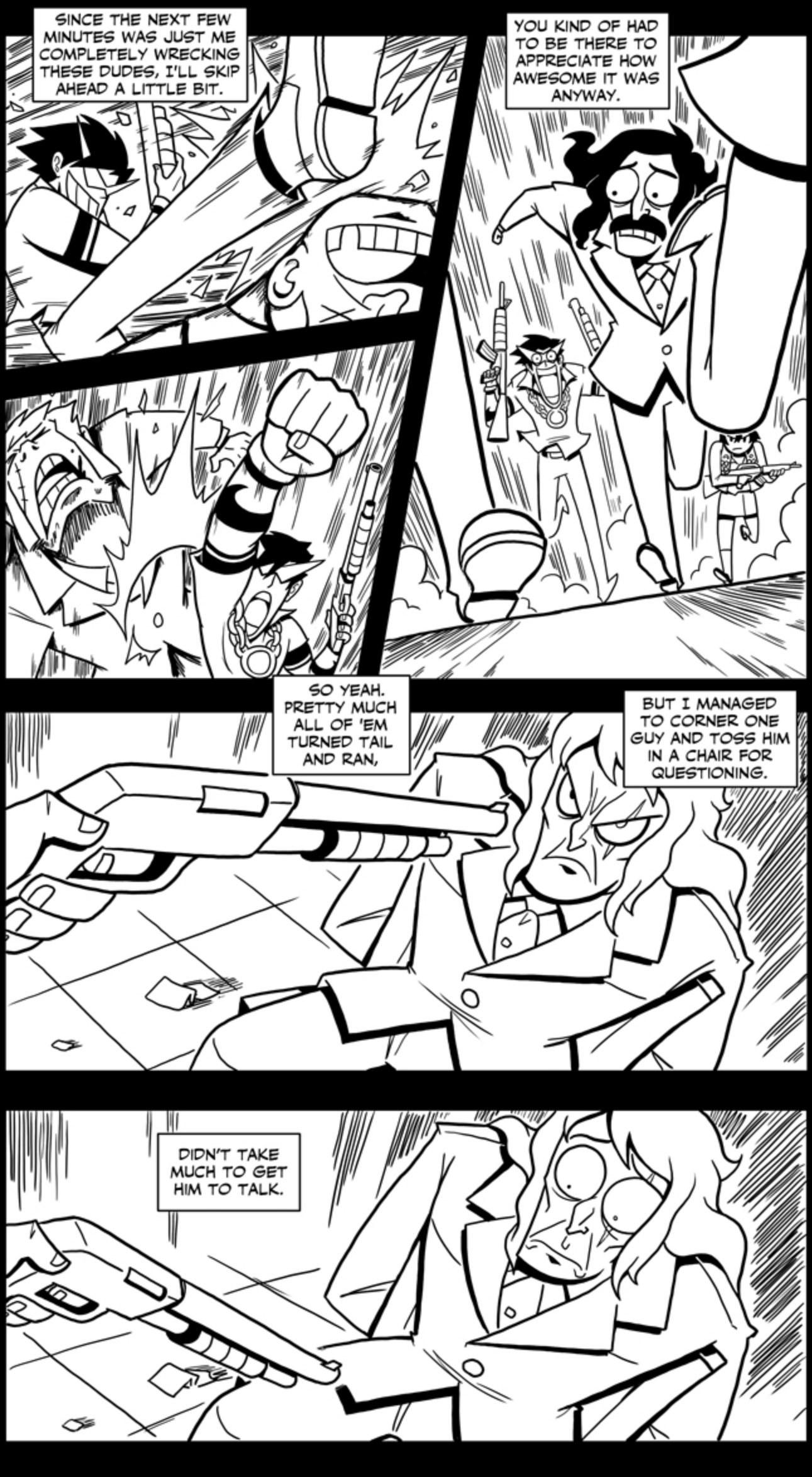
Y'KNOW, NOW THAT I THINK OF IT, PRETTY MUCH EVERY MAJOR ARREST I'VE EVER MADE HAD A START AT THIS PLACE!
GOOD TIMES, MAN.
DOOK
THAT'S... THAT IS SPECTACULARLY UNETHICAL.
DUDE, YOU KIDDIN' ME? THAT IS NOTHING.
JUST WAIT 'TILL YOU HEAR THE CRAP I PULLED GETTING THE DIRT ON THIS CARTEL CASE.
FINALLY. GOD.

OK, SO CHECK THIS OUT. A FEW WEEKS BACK, I'M HERE AT THE BAR, RIGHT?
Y'KNOW, JUST DOIN' MY USUAL THING.
THE GUNK EYE
Cocktails billiards
I DON'T EVEN REMEMBER WHAT SET EVERYTHING OFF, I THINK I WAS TRYING TO ARREST THIS ONE DUDE FOR AN OUTSTANDING PARKING TICKET OR SOMETHING? WHATEVER.
POINT BEING, PRETTY MUCH THE WHOLE REGULAR CROWD ENDED UP TAKIN' A SWING AT ME. IT WAS RAD.
DIDN'T LAST ALL THAT LONG, WHICH SUCKED.
THAT BLOND NINNY VIRAL GOT THE JUMP ON ME SOMEHOW AND KICKED ME OUT.
GET THIS, THOUGH. HE ALSO KICKED OUT THE DUDE I WAS TRYING TO BOOK,
AND THE GUY JUST STARTS GOING BONKERS, BLUBBERING AT ME NOT TO ARREST HIM, ALL SAYING SHIT LIKE-
"I SWEAR, MAN, I'VE GOT NOTHIN' TO DO WITH THE CARTEL" AND "I'LL TELL YOU EVERYTHING I KNOW, JUST DON'T PUT ME AWAY."
WELL THAT SOUNDED PRETTY INTERESTING.
GRANTED, THE DUDE WAS KINDA HAMMERED, BUT I FIGURED I COULD LISTEN FOR A MINUTE OR TWO BEFORE HAULING HIM OFF TO THE DRUNK TANK.

TURNS OUT, THE GUY WORKED A SECURITY JOB AT SOME RUN-DOWN WAREHOUSE COMPLEX...
...WHEN ONE DAY THIS GROUP OF DRUG DEALERS SHOWED UP AND OFFERED HIM SOME RIDICULOUS AMOUNT OF MONEY TO LET THEM USE ONE OF THE WAREHOUSES TO MOVE THEIR PRODUCT.
PRETTY STANDARD SCENARIO, TO BE SURE. THEY JUST SOUNDED LIKE A BUNCH OF LOW-RENT DOPE PUSHERS...
...BUT HEY, THE POSSIBILITY OF DOIN' A RAID SOUNDED A HELL OF A LOT MORE FUN THAN TRUCKING SOME SLURRING DINGUS BACK TO THE STATION.
I LET THE GUY GO, BUT I TOTALLY SNUCK LIKE 30 BUCKS OUT OF HIS WALLET WHEN I CHECKED HIS ID, SO IT WASN'T A COMPLETE LOSS.
SO I CALLED UP MY PARTNER AND HAD HIM MEET ME AT THE ADDRESS THE GUY GAVE ME, AND WE'RE STAKIN' THE PLACE OUT.
WARE HAUS
WE WERE LUCKY; WE'D BARELY BEEN THERE 20 MINUTES WHEN, SURE ENOUGH, A BUNCH OF SHADY-ASS CARS STARTED PULLING UP TO THE WAREHOUSE.
!
DIDN'T FEEL SO LUCKY WHEN I SAW THE KIND OF GUYS WE WERE ACTUALLY DEALING WITH, THOUGH.

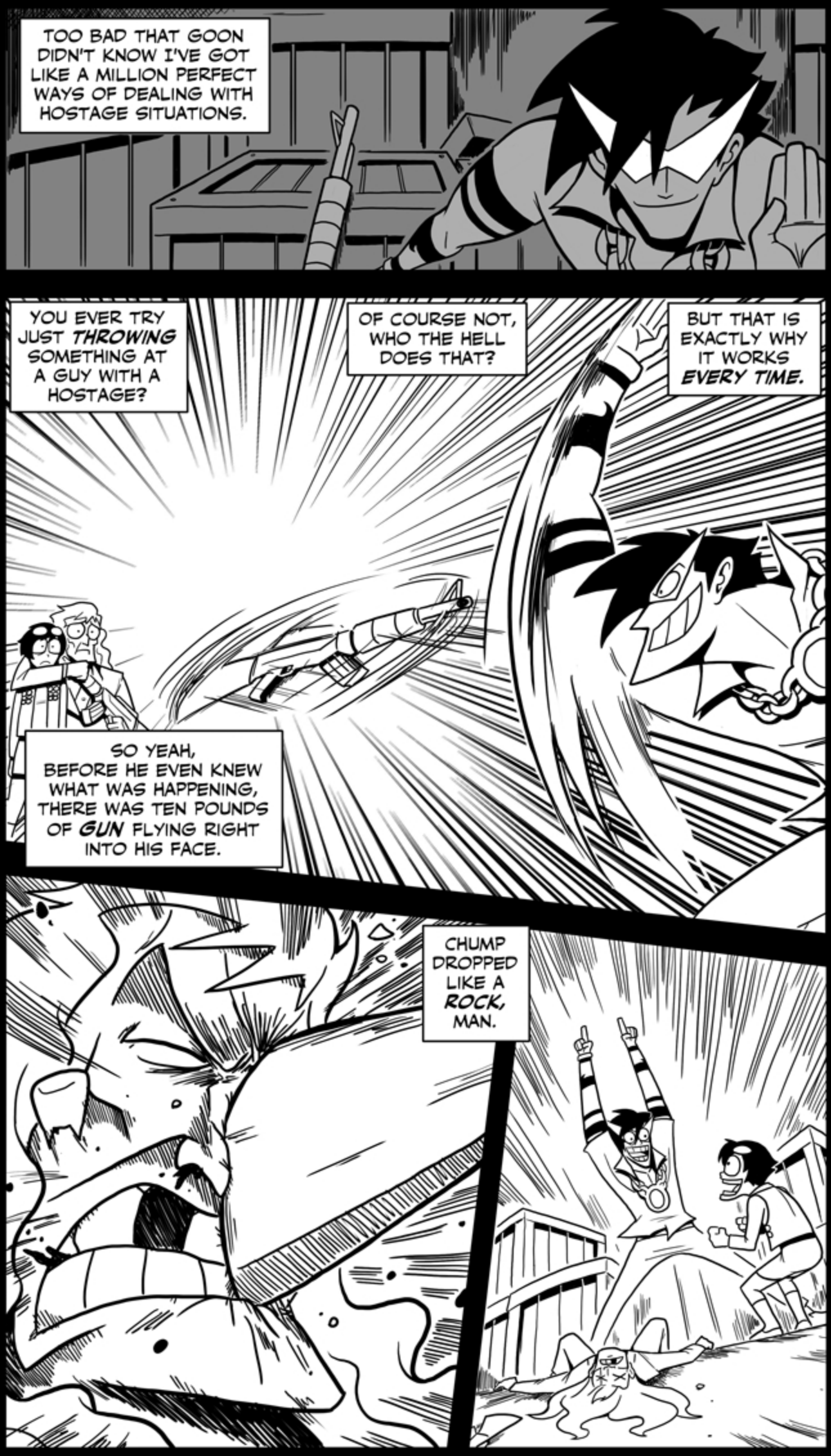
'CAUSE LET ME TELL YOU, THESE CATS WERE DEFINITELY NOT SMALL-TIME.
EVERY LAST ONE OF 'EM HAD ON A SUIT PROBABLY WORTH MORE THAN MY CAR, GOD REST ITS SOUL...
...AND THEY WERE PACKING THE KIND OF HEAT THAT'D MAKE A PLATOON OF MARINES NERVOUS.
CLEARLY MY ORIGINAL PLAN TO JUST STORM THE PLACE WASN'T GONNA CUT IT ANYMORE.
I'D NEED A WAY TO GET IN THERE ALL STEALTHY-LIKE.
THEN IT HIT ME.
THE BEST IDEA I'D EVER HAD, EVER.
NOK
NOK

COOKIES
AGILE
THINK ABOUT IT, MAN. NOT EVEN DRUG DEALERS ARE HEARTLESS ENOUGH TO TURN AWAY A GIRL SCOUT.
SO WHEN THESE DUDES SAW SIMON AT THE DOOR THERE ALL WITH THE BADGES, THE OUTFIT, THE WHOLE DEAL...
...THEY WERE SO CAUGHT OFF GUARD THAT THEY DIDN'T EVEN THINK TWICE ABOUT LETTING HIM DRAG IN THIS HUGE CRATE OF COOKIES.
CHOCO-MINT EXPLOSION
YUM.
BUT IT WAS TOTALLY NOT COOKIES.


SINCE THE NEXT FEW MINUTES WAS JUST ME COMPLETELY WRECKING THESE DUDES, I'LL SKIP AHEAD A LITTLE BIT.
YOU KIND OF HAD TO BE THERE TO APPRECIATE HOW AWESOME IT WAS ANYWAY.
SO YEAH. PRETTY MUCH ALL OF 'EM TURNED TAIL AND RAN,
BUT I MANAGED TO CORNER ONE GUY AND TOSS HIM IN A CHAIR FOR QUESTIONING.
DIDN'T TAKE MUCH TO GET HIM TO TALK.

DEFINITELY WASN'T EXPECTING HIM TO SAY WHAT HE DID, THOUGH.
AT THAT POINT, I STILL FIGURED THE WORST THESE GUYS WERE MOVING WAS COKE OR HEROIN.
BUT ACCORDING TO *HIM,* HE AND HIS BUDDIES WORKED FOR SOME NEW CARTEL LOOKING TO GET IN ON THE DRUG GAME.
FROM THE SOUND OF THINGS, THEY WERE IN IT TO WIN IT, TOO...
...'CAUSE THE STUFF THEY WERE MOVING INTO THE WARE-HOUSE?
WELL, IT WAS APPARENTLY THIS BRAND NEW, CRAZY-ADDICTIVE ***SUPERDRUG*** THEY'D DEVELOPED TO TOTALLY CRUSH THE COMPETITION.
OH, AND GET THIS. THE DUDE AND HIS PALS HAD NEVER MET THE GUY IN CHARGE FACE TO FACE.
THEY'D GOTTEN ALL THEIR ORDERS BY EITHER ANONYMOUS MAIL OR A THIRD PARTY.
I'M NOT GONNA LIE, DUDE. I WAS PRETTY PUMPED RIGHT ABOUT THEN.
BLOWING THE LID OFF OF SOME MYSTERY CARTEL *AND* SEIZING A HUGE PILE OF RIDICULOUS DESIGNER DRUGS?
THAT IS SOME CAREER-DEFINING SHIT RIGHT THERE, MAN.
I DECIDED TO CONFIRM THE GUY'S STORY BEFORE I GOT MY HOPES UP, THOUGH.

SURE ENOUGH, IT WASN'T THAT CUT-AND-DRY.
I BUSTED OPEN A FEW OF THE BOXES, BUT IT WAS THE DAMNDEST THING...
EVERY LAST ONE OF 'EM WAS PACKED TO THE GILLS WITH DRILL BITS.
WHAT THE HELL.
SO I'M THINKING TO MYSELF, "IS THAT DICK TRYIN' TO PULL A FAST ONE? OR IS THERE SOMETHING HE'S NOT TELLING ME?"
BEFORE I COULD GO SMACK SOME ANSWERS OUT OF HIM, THOUGH, I HEARD HIM LAUGH THIS IDIOTIC POMPOUS LAUGH FROM ACROSS THE ROOM.
I GUESS SIMON HADN'T TIED HIM UP WELL ENOUGH, 'CAUSE HE'D GOTTEN FREE AND TURNED SIMON'S GUN ON HIM.
I THOUGHT ABOUT MAKING SOME CRACK ABOUT REVOKING HIS KNOT-TYING MERIT BADGE, BUT I FIGURED THE POOR KID FELT BAD ENOUGH ALREADY.


TOO BAD THAT GOON DIDN'T KNOW I'VE GOT LIKE A MILLION PERFECT WAYS OF DEALING WITH HOSTAGE SITUATIONS.
YOU EVER TRY JUST *THROWING* SOMETHING AT A GUY WITH A HOSTAGE?
OF COURSE NOT, WHO THE HELL DOES THAT?
BUT THAT IS EXACTLY WHY IT WORKS *EVERY TIME.*
SO YEAH, BEFORE HE EVEN KNEW WHAT WAS HAPPENING, THERE WAS TEN POUNDS OF *GUN* FLYING RIGHT INTO HIS FACE.
CHUMP DROPPED LIKE A *ROCK,* MAN.

BUT THEN, OUT OF NOWHERE, THERE WAS THIS RINGING NOISE COMING FROM HIS JACKET.
TURNED OUT TO BE ONE OF THOSE NEW FANCY-ASS PORTABLE PHONES.
I MEAN, I ALREADY KNEW THESE GUYS WERE HIGH ROLLERS, BUT *DAMN.*
ANYWAY, I ANSWERED THE THING, AND RIGHT AWAY THIS ASSHAT WITH A VOICE MODULATOR STARTS YELLING IN MY EAR, ALL LIKE:
"YOU WERE INSTRUCTED TO MAKE CONTACT WHEN THE SHIPMENT WAS DROPPED OFF, YOU'RE BEHIND SCHEDULE, WHAT'S KEEPING YOU," AND SO ON.
!
I'M GOING, "WHOA, THIS MIGHT BE THE BIG BOSS MAN. OR AT LEAST SOME HIGHER-UP."
SO I SHOT RIGHT BACK AT HIM, SOMETHING LIKE "OH, YOUR SHIT'S GONNA GET DELIVERED ALL RIGHT."
"STRAIGHT TO POLICE HQ, BUDDY."

THERE WAS A LITTLE SILENCE, AND THEN HE JUST CAME RIGHT BACK WITH "...I SEE."
"WELL, ONE SHIPMENT LOST ISN'T THE END OF THE WORLD, I SUPPOSE."
?
BEFORE I COULD KEEP GRILLING HIM, THOUGH, I HEARD THIS REALLY LOUD, CONSPICUOUS BEEPING.
SORTA LIKE THE KIND YOU'D HEAR COMING OFF A TIME BOMB IN THE MOVIES, Y'KNOW?
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
GUESS WHAT IT WAS!
C4.

OBVIOUSLY SIMON AND I WERE TOTALLY FINE...
...BUT I SURE COULDN'T SAY THE SAME FOR MY SUSPECT AND ALL THAT EVIDENCE.
THESE GUYS WERE *GOOD,* MAN. NOT A WHOLE LOT OF DRUG GANGS OUT THERE ARE BIG ENOUGH HARDASSES TO KILL THEIR OWN DUDES AND BLOW UP THEIR PRODUCT IF THEY GET ROLLED.
I MEAN, SHIT, I *STILL* DON'T EVEN KNOW IF THEY WERE ACTUALLY MOVING NARCOTICS OR WHAT, SINCE I COULDN'T BRING ONE OF THOSE DRILL THINGS BACK TO THE CRIME LAB TO GET CHECKED OUT.
I WAS PRETTY MUCH BACK TO SQUARE ONE.
SO SINCE THEN, I'VE BASICALLY JUST BEEN DOIN' WHAT I USUALLY DO, WHICH IS ARRESTING AS MANY PEOPLE AS I POSSIBLY CAN.
I FIGURE, HEY, IF THOSE CARTEL GUYS WERE ACTUALLY SERIOUS ABOUT PUSHIN' DRUGS, SOONER OR LATER I'M GONNA RUN INTO A USER, RIGHT?
IN THE MEANTIME, I'VE STILL GOT A RECORD TO UPHOLD.
?
?!

SO YEAH! THAT'S PRETTY MUCH THE DEAL.
GOT ANY THOUGHTS, BUTTERCUP?
I JUST CANNOT *WAIT* TO HEAR WHAT A MODEL OFFICER SUCH AS YOURSELF HAS TO SAY ABOUT MY WORK -
...THAT...
...THAT WAS...
THAT WAS THE MOST AWESOME STORY I HAVE EVER HEARD IN MY *ENTIRE LIFE.*

SERIOUSLY MAN, THE COOKIE CRATE THING?! THROWING A RIFLE AT A DUDE WHO'S GOT A GUN IN YOUR PARTNER'S FACE?!?
YOU'RE SOME KIND OF - SOME KIND OF FREAKING *POLICE GENIUS,* I COULDN'T HAVE HANDLED THAT SITUATION ANY BETTER THAN YOU IF I *TRIED* -
DUDE, WHAT - WHERE THE HELL IS *THIS* COMING FROM?! AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO BE MR. PERFECT JOHNNY LAW OR WHATEVER?
I THOUGHT YOU WOULD'VE BEEN *APPALLED* -
SCREW THAT, MAN. THIS WHOLE "HERO COP" THING I GOT GOIN' ON, ALL THOSE HONORS AND STUFF YOUR CHIEF WAS TALKIN' ABOUT?
IT'S ALL JUST *HORSESHIT,* MAN. TOTAL FAKE-OUT.
MY CHIEF BACK AT THE 149TH CAME UP WITH THE WHOLE THING SO YOUR DEPARTMENT WOULD TAKE ME, MAN.
LIED RIGHT TO YOUR CHIEF'S FACE, EVEN FALSIFIED MY BACKGROUND INFO, SAID I'D HAVE HELL TO PAY IF I DIDN'T GO ALONG WITH THE ACT.
WELL YOU KNOW WHAT, I'D RATHER *DIE* THAN KEEP UP THIS BULLCRAP CHARADE FOR ONE MORE SECOND.
YOU WANNA KNOW THE REAL SHIT, DUDE? THE REAL REASON I GOT TRANS-FERRED?

'CAUSE I'VE BEEN WRITTEN UP FOR UNREASONABLE SEARCH AND SEIZURE LIKE 40 TIMES.
'CAUSE I'VE CAUSED MULTIPLE-CAR PILEUPS CHASING AFTER SPEEDERS.
'CAUSE I KARATE KICKED A DEFENSE LAWYER IN THE FACE AFTER HE GOT A REDUCED SENTENCE FOR THIS GANG LEADER I'D CAUGHT!
YOU GET IT, MAN?!

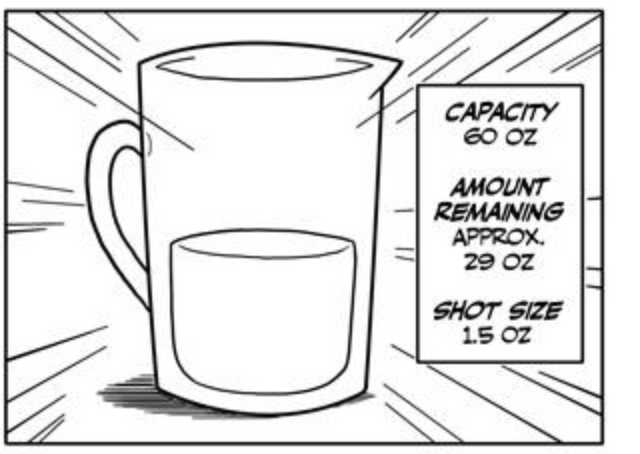
I GOT TRANSFERRED 'CAUSE I'M JUST LIKE YOU.

YOU'RE BLOWIN' MY MIND HERE, DUDE.

AND YOU KNOW WHAT ELSE?! I WOULDA NEVER TALKED DOWN TO YOU LIKE I DID IF I'D KNOWN THE SORT OF COP YOU REALLY ARE. THAT'S THE GOD'S HONEST, MAN.
YOU GOTTA UNDERSTAND, YOUR CHIEF MADE YOU OUT TO BE THIS INCOMPETENT DICKWAD WHEN HE BRIEFED ME-

GOD, WHY AM I NOT SURPRISED. THAT TOTAL PRICK.
THERE IS SO MUCH SUBTLE NUANCE TO MY WORK, AND HE JUST GLOSSES RIGHT OVER IT *EVERY TIME*-
I ***KNOW,*** RIGHT! THAT'S COMPLETELY HOW IT WAS WITH MY OLD CHIEF TOO!!
WE'RE BOTH GETTIN' STONEWALLED HERE, DAMMIT!
OUR BOSSES DON'T GET OUR METHODS, SO THEY'RE JUST PLAYIN' US, DUDE, PLAYIN' US LIKE DAMN ***COUNTRY FIDDLES***-

OH JEEZ I'M PRETTY DRUNK
I, UH... SORRY, GUY. HOW- HOW MUCH HAVE YOU HAD-


CAPACITY
60 OZ
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29 OZ
SHOT SIZE
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YOU, UH... YOU GONNA BE OK?
N...NOT TOO SURE
KINDA JUST CAUGHT UP TO ME ALL AT ONCE
UGH
DUDE, I WAS HAZING YOU, ALL RIGHT?!
TRYIN' TO GET YOU TO RUN BACK HOME!
IT'S LIKE YOU SAID, I WOULD'VE NEVER DONE IT IF I'D KNOWN YOU WERE, LIKE, MY BADASS DOPPEL-GANGER OR SOMETHING-
Y-YOU WERE HAZING ME?
MAN, I'M REALLY SORRY. GIVING BOOZE TO A RECOVERING ALCOHOLIC, THAT'S OVER THE LINE EVEN FOR ME-
YEAH, WHY'D YOU DO THAT?!
SERIOUSLY, I'M REALLY SORRY.
SEE?! SEE, THIS IS WHAT I'M TALKIN' ABOUT!
THAT'S JUST ABOUT THE MOST CHILDISH, PETTY THING I'VE EVER HEARD-
-AND LET ME TELL YOU, I HAVE HAZED THE HELL OUT OF MY SHARE OF RECRUITS, SO I SHOULD KNOW-
BUT EVEN BEING ON THE RECEIVING END, I CAN'T BRING MYSELF TO HATE YOU FOR IT!
IT IS JUST TOO RAD-
STILL, MAN.
I FEEL LIKE I'VE GOTTA MAKE THIS RIGHT.
SO HERE'S WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN.

FIRST OFF, I'M GONNA EVEN *THIS* SCORE.
B.A.C.*
B.A.C.
B.A.C.
MAX
* BLOOD ALCOHOL CONTENT
SLAM
SECOND, YOU AND I ARE GONNA CRACK THIS CARTEL CASE *WIDE OPEN,* MAN.
GONNA CATCH LIKE A MILLION CRIMINALS, SEIZE A THOUSAND TONS OF DRUGS OR DRILLS OR WHATEVER, AND SHOVE IT RIGHT IN OUR BOSSES' FACES, GOD DAMMIT.
W...WE ARE?

SHIT YEAH WE ARE!
THAT SOUND GOOD TO YOU ...
...PARTNER?
OF COURSE IT DOES, DUDE!
MAN I'M SORRY I LIT A MATCH ON YOUR FACE
I'M SORRY I CALLED YOU A NIMROD
I'M SORRY I ALMOST CRASHED YOUR MOTORBIKE A WHOLE BUNCH OF TIMES AND MADE YOU PROBABLY GIVE YOURSELF ALCOHOL POISONING
I'M SORRY I... UH... CALLED YOU A DOUCHEBAG
DUDE DID YOU SERIOUSLY KICK A LAWYER IN THE FACE? THAT RULES
RIGHT IN HIS STUPID FACE, MAN

DID HE THREATEN TO SUE YOU? *PLEASE* TELL ME HE THREATENED TO SUE YOU.
HAHAHA, HE TOTALLY DID!
IT WAS SPECTACULAR, I EVEN THREW A KILLER LINE BACK AT HIM, I WAS ALL LIKE "TAKE IT UP WITH *MY* LAWYER, HE IS *MY OTHER FOOT-* "
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WHAT'S... UH, WHAT'S GOIN' ON THERE, BUDDY-
OH BOY. OK, THIS IS HAPPENING.
LET'S GET YOU TO THE JOHN, MUCHACHO.

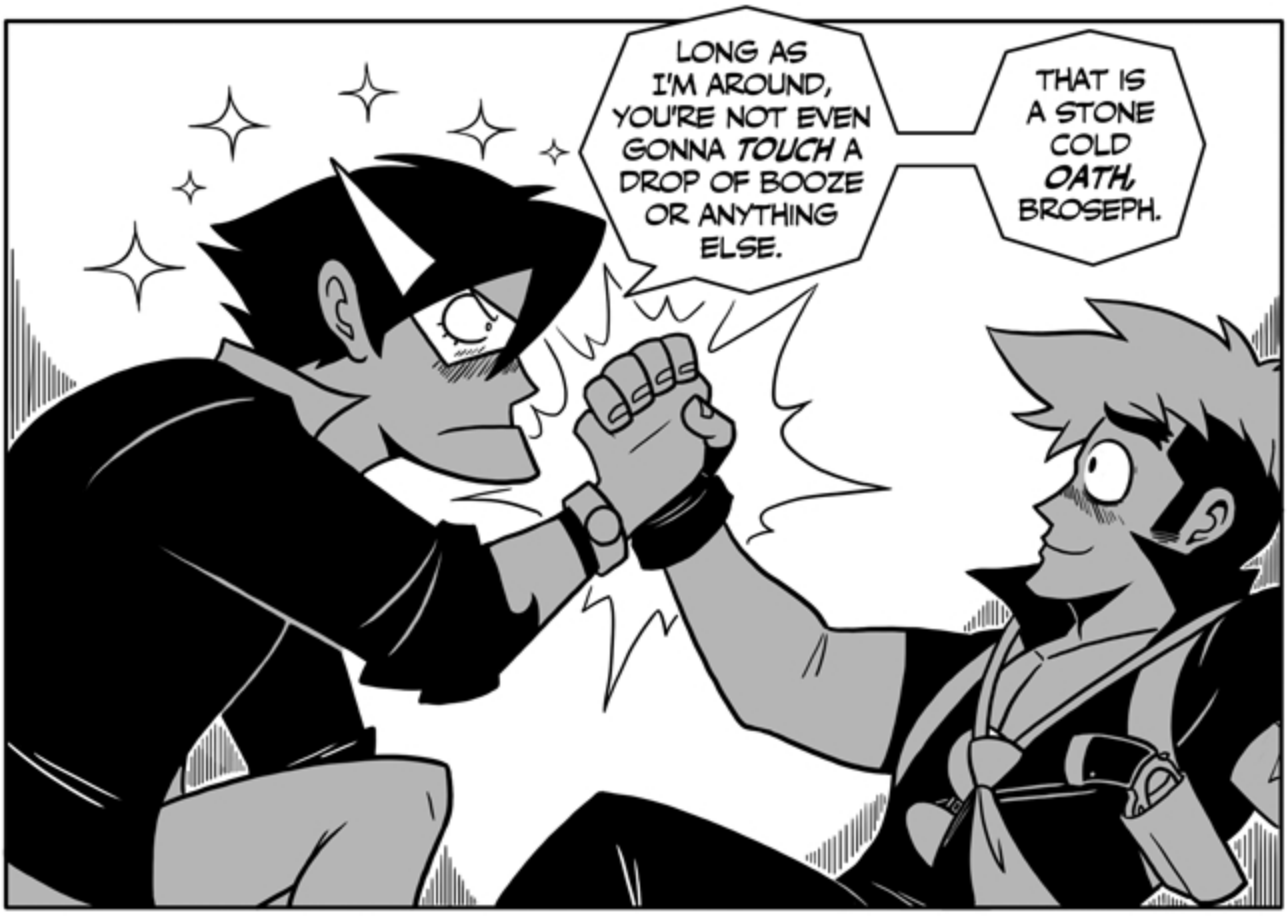
GAH
CODE RED, KIDS. THIS DUDE'S GOTTA BLOW SOME SERIOUS CHUNKS. WHERE'S YOUR CRAPPER?
IT'S- YOU KNOW FULL WELL IT'S IN THE BACK.
DID YOU ACTUALLY FORGET THAT, OR ARE YOU JUST BEING A BELLIGERENT ASSHOLE?
A LITTLE FROM COLUMN A, A LITTLE FROM COLUMN B.
YEAH, OK, YOU'RE CUT OFF.
FINE, WHATEVER, MOM. I DOUBT I COULD TAKE MUCH MORE OF YOUR NASTY LOW-RENT ROTGUT ANYWAY.
WHOLE PLACE IS STARTING TO LOOK LIKE THE INSIDE OF A GROSS, POORLY-LIT TORNADO RIGHT ABOUT NOW.
IT'S THE ONE ON THE RIGHT, YEAH?
NO!! DON'T YOU DARE GO IN TH-
I MEAN, IT'S LOCKED! IT'S THE ONE ON THE LEFT, DAMMIT!
THE ONE THAT SAYS RESTROOM, YOU MORON!
GET THE HELL AWAY FROM THAT OTHER ONE-

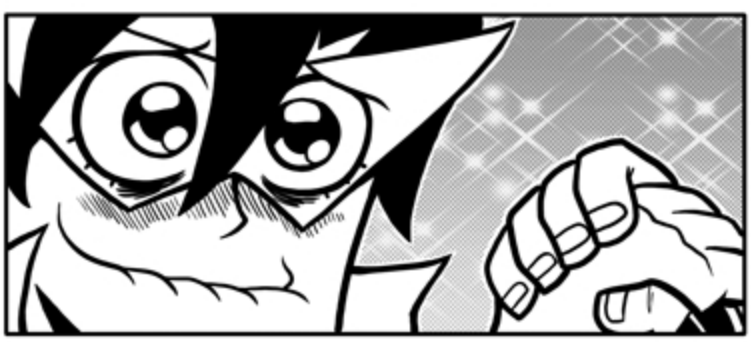
PRIVATE
CODE RED, MAN, CODE *URP* RED
OH RIGHT, SORRY GUY. HERE WE GO. WE'RE GOIN'.
WHEW
IS IT LOCKED? IT HAD BETTER BE LOCKED.
I'LL GO MAKE SURE.
YEAH, YOU DO THAT.

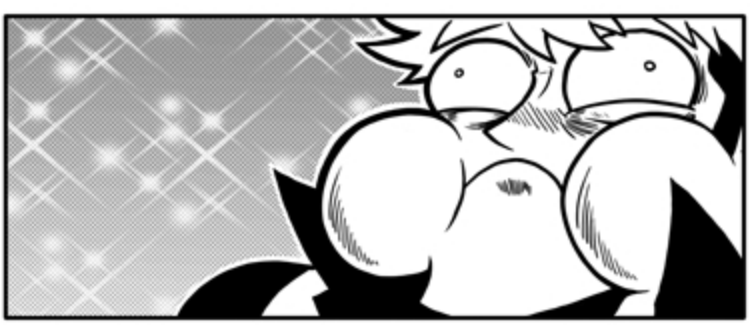
SOMETHING LIKE 15 MINUTES LATER
HLURRRGH
BALLS
genius
G-HA
SOAP
PTOO
PTOO
OH GOD
PTOO
RIDE THE DRAGON'S WINGS
SUCKS
FOR A GOOD TIME CALL DARRYL
555-DONG
OK, I THINK - I THINK I'M TAPPED OUT, I CAN -
HRK- HWUUUUUGH
OH MY GOD WHEN IS THIS GONNA STOP
PTOO
I DON'T EVER REMEMBER IT BEING THIS BAD
LIES
shut up
I'M JUST- I'M SO TIRED OF THIS SHIT, MAN, I JUST WANNA BE SOBER ALREADY
ALWAYS DARKEST BEFORE THE DAWN, CHAMP. HANG IN THERE.
SHIT TIX 5¢
LOITUS EXPLOSION
GRAFFITI.

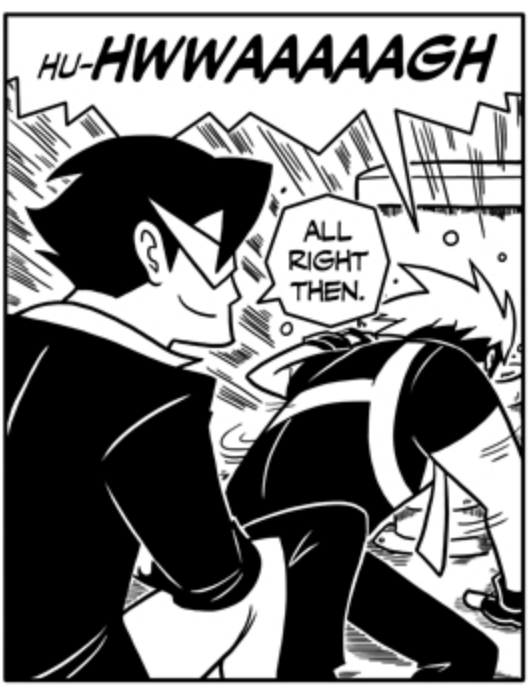
B-BUT - BUT WHAT ABOUT THE CRIMINALS
WE WERE SUPPOSED TO CATCH ALL OF THE CRIMINALS
THEY'LL STILL BE THERE IN THE MORNING, BUDDY.
THEY WILL
SERIOUSLY, I GOT IT ALL FIGURED OUT.
WE'LL GET US SOME GREASY-ASS DINER FOOD - I KNOW THIS KILLER PLACE, THEY DO A BREAKFAST BURRITO THAT WILL JUST KICK YOUR HANGOVER IN THE DICK -
AND THEN WE'RE COMIN' RIGHT BACK HERE AND NOT LEAVING 'TIL WE'VE GOT OURSELVES A LEAD.
YOU - YOU PROMISE
DUDE, IT IS DONE. YOU CAN SET YOUR WATCH TO THAT ACTION.
YOU'RE A GOOD FRIEND, MAN
YOU GOTTA *URP*
YOU GOTTA PROMISE ME ONE MORE THING OK
YOU GOTTA PROMISE
YOU NEVER LET ME DO ANYTHING LIKE THIS TO MYSELF EVER AGAIN

I - UH, SURE, BUDDY, NO PROB-
NO MAN SERIOUSLY YOU GOTTA
I GOT, LIKE, NO IMPULSE CONTROL AND A REAL ADDICTIVE PERSONALITY
I MEAN, I'VE BEEN SO WRECKED I CRASHED MY BIKE INTO THE STATION BACK HOME TRYING TO JUMP IT THROUGH A WINDOW
TWICE
THIS OTHER TIME I WOKE UP HUNG OVER, DANGLING FROM MY BELT AT THE TOP OF THE FLAGPOLE THERE, I HOISTED MYSELF UP THERE THEN I PASSED OUT-
OK, YOU'RE GONNA NEED TO GIVE ME SOME CONTEXT HERE, BECAUSE THAT IS AMAZING.
OH A BUNCH OF US GUYS WOULD GET LOADED AFTER HOURS SOMETIMES
THEN WE'D DARE EACH OTHER TO DO STUNTS AND OTHER STUPID CRAP IN THE PARKING LOT
I WOULD USUALLY GO KINDA OVER-BOARD
HAHAHA, SWEET
HEH YEAH IT WAS PRETTY-
NO MAN, THAT'S THE POINT, IT WAS NOT SWEET!
I WAS A DAMN MESS AND I CAN'T GO DOWN THAT ROAD AGAIN *HIC*
BUT LOOK HOW EASY I CAVED TODAY, IT COULD TOTALLY HAPPEN-
HEY. HEY.
RIGHT HERE, DUDE.


LONG AS I'M AROUND, YOU'RE NOT EVEN GONNA *TOUCH* A DROP OF BOOZE OR ANYTHING ELSE.
THAT IS A STONE COLD *OATH,* BROSEPH.






HU-*HWWAAAAAGH*
ALL RIGHT THEN.

WHOA, HOLD THAT THOUGHT, GUY. GETTIN' A CALL HERE.

SAME PHONE THAT CARTEL GOON HAD, I TOTALLY STOLE IT
HAHAHA YOU *URP* YOU ARE THE *SHIT*

YELLO?
...BRO?

HEY HEY,
LOOK WHO IT IS!!
IT'S SIMON!
HEY SIMON!!
HOW YOU DOIN',
LITTLE GUY?!
I- I'M OKAY, THANK YOU, BUT I -
BRO, WHERE ARE YOU?? YOU- YOU
MISSED THE WHOLE THING! YOU'VE
GOTTA GET BACK TO THE STATION
RIGHT NOW, EVERYONE'S GOING
CRAZY-
WHOA-HOH,
SLOW DOWN,
BUDDY.
WHAT'RE WE
TALKIN' ABOUT
HERE?
THE - THE SUSPECT!
FROM EARLIER TODAY!
HE WAS - AND- AND NIA -
AND OH MY GOD, BRO,
WE GOT ONE!
WE TOTALLY GOT ONE!!
ONE WHAT?
TAKE A BREATH,
KIDDO, YOU'RE
GOIN' A MILE A
MINUTE -
A DRILL, BRO!
JUST LIKE THE ONES WE
SAW AT THE WAREHOUSE!
WE GOT ONE!!!
?

...HOLY BALLS. YOU'RE PULLIN' MY LEG.
NO, NO! OF COURSE NOT!! NO WAY!!
SO WHAT'D YOU FIND OUT?? WHAT THE HELL IS IT?!
IT'S - THERE'S A - OH MAN, BRO, IT WAS BONKERS, I FEEL LIKE I'VE JUST GOTTA TELL YOU THE WHOLE STORY FROM THE BEGINNING, AAAAAAA-
SIMON, SERIOUSLY. DEEP BREATHS, DUDE.
HUP
PFOO
YOU GOOD?
YEAH, I'M GOOD.
ALRIGHT MAN, I'M ALL EARS. LAY IT ON ME!

OK, YOU REMEMBER WHEN THE SUSPECT PULLED A GUN ON ME?
WELL, IT WAS BECAUSE I NOTICED HE WAS HIDING SOMETHING IN HIS GLOVEBOX AND I TRIED TO SNEAK A LOOK AT IT.
AFTER YOU LEFT, I HAD THE CHIEF ASK FORENSICS TO TRY AND SALVAGE WHATEVER IT WAS, BUT I DIDN'T REALLY THINK THEY'D BE ABLE TO FIND ANYTHING.
BECAUSE, Y'KNOW, IT PROBABLY EXPLODED.
BUT GUESS WHAT! NOT ONLY DID THEY MANAGE TO GET AT THE GLOVEBOX,
GPD
FORENSICS
THEY MANAGED TO SAVE JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING IN IT...
...AND I'M TELLING YOU, BRO, I JUST ABOUT LOST MY MARBLES WHEN I SAW THERE WAS A DRILL BIT IN THERE TOO.
EVIDENCE

I WAS SO EXCITED! THIS WAS LIKE THE BIGGEST LEAD *EVER!*
I THOUGHT ABOUT CALLING YOU RIGHT THEN AND THERE, BUT THEN I THOUGHT, "WAIT."
"IF BRO WERE HERE, HE'D GO WAVE THE EVIDENCE IN FRONT OF THE SUSPECT'S FACE AND GET HIM TO SPILL *ALL* THE BEANS."
SO SINCE YOU WEREN'T AROUND, AND EVEN THOUGH I WAS A LITTLE SCARED, I RAN STRAIGHT DOWN TO WHERE THEY WERE QUESTIONING HIM.
BUT I, UH, I BUMPED INTO NIA ON THE WAY, AND -
OHO, I KNOW WHERE *THIS* IS GOING!
B-BRO! SHE - NO, SHE JUST WANTED TO SEE WHAT A REAL POLICE INTERROGATION WAS LIKE -
SUUURE SHE DID. *BWOW-CHIKA-BOWWW*
A-ANYWAY, I SAID IT WAS OK, SO SHE CAME ALONG.

I SHOULDN'T HAVE LET HER, THOUGH. I WAS WAY TOO CARELESS ABOUT THE WHOLE THING; I GUESS - I GUESS I WAS JUST SO PUMPED UP, I DIDN'T THINK IT THROUGH-
PLUS YOU HAD A LITTLE FILLY YOU WANTED TO IMPRESS! WHO HASN'T BEEN THERE, MAN.
I - N-NO, THAT'S NOT- I DIDN'T- W-WELL, SORTA, I-
ANYWAY, I WENT IN THERE, AND HOLY COW, BRO, DID HE LOOK TERRIBLE.
HE WAS ALL STRUNG-OUT AND SWEATY, JUST COMPLETELY CRAZY LOOKING, YOU KNOW?
IT CREEPED ME OUT...
...BUT I STILL WORKED UP THE NERVE TO PRESS HIM ABOUT THE DRILL.
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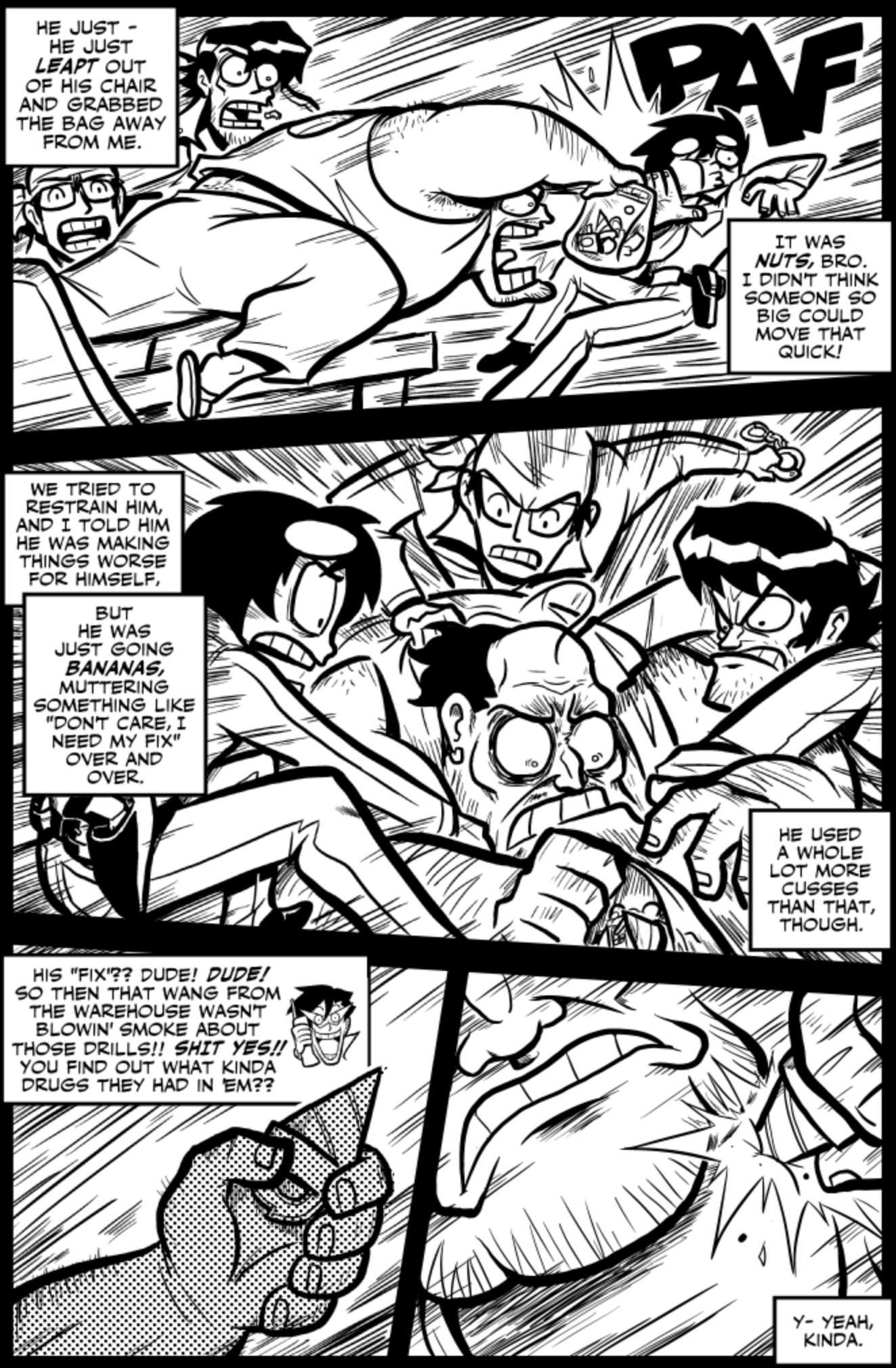
WELL, THAT BACKFIRED PRETTY BADLY.


HE JUST - HE JUST *LEAPT* OUT OF HIS CHAIR AND GRABBED THE BAG AWAY FROM ME.
PAF
IT WAS *NUTS,* BRO. I DIDN'T THINK SOMEONE SO BIG COULD MOVE THAT QUICK!
WE TRIED TO RESTRAIN HIM, AND I TOLD HIM HE WAS MAKING THINGS WORSE FOR HIMSELF,
BUT HE WAS JUST GOING *BANANAS,* MUTTERING SOMETHING LIKE "DON'T CARE, I NEED MY FIX" OVER AND OVER.
HE USED A WHOLE LOT MORE CUSSES THAN THAT, THOUGH.
HIS "FIX"?? DUDE! *DUDE!* SO THEN THAT WANG FROM THE WAREHOUSE WASN'T BLOWIN' SMOKE ABOUT THOSE DRILLS!! *SHIT YES!!* YOU FIND OUT WHAT KINDA DRUGS THEY HAD IN 'EM??
Y- YEAH, KINDA.

WE'LL NEED A FULL ANALYSIS TO KNOW WHAT'S IN THERE, CHEMICAL-WISE,
BUT, UH, WE DEFINITELY KNOW WHAT THE EFFECTS ARE WHEN IT'S INJECTED.
OH DAMN, DUDE, DON'T TELL ME HE -
YEAH, SOMEWHERE DURING THE SCUFFLE HE STUCK THE DRILL RIGHT IN HIS NECK, AND THEN... YEESH.
I DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO DESCRIBE IT, BRO.
IT WAS LIKE -
-IT WAS LIKE HE WAS SUDDENLY A BODYBUILDER ON PCP, EXCEPT ABOUT *A MILLION TIMES WORSE THAN THAT.*
HE, LIKE, BARELY MOVED HIS ARMS AND HE SENT THE OTHER TWO OFFICERS FLYING ACROSS THE ROOM!
AND I'M PRETTY SURE HE STARTED HALLUCINATING PRETTY BAD, TOO, 'CAUSE HE WAS ALL SHOUTING ABOUT HOW HE COULD *"DO THE IMPOSSIBLE"* AND THAT HE WAS SEEING ALL THIS INVISIBLE STUFF.
I THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO PASS OUT.

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BUT THEN HE MADE A BREAK FOR IT BY THROWING A TABLE THROUGH THE TWO-WAY -
-LIKE, RIGHT WHERE NIA WAS STANDING, BRO -
AND SUDDENLY, I WAS -

I - I GUESS I JUST FORGOT HOW FREAKED OUT I WAS.
I MEAN, I SAW POOR NIA OUT THERE, SHE WAS JUST SCARED OUT OF HER WITS, BRO, AND -
AND THEN THE SUSPECT STARTED MOVING IN ON HER, ALL WITH THAT CREEPY LOOK ON HIS FACE,
AND THEN -
- THEN -

I DUNNO, BRO, I JUST -
- I JUST KNEW I HAD TO DO *SOMETHING.*

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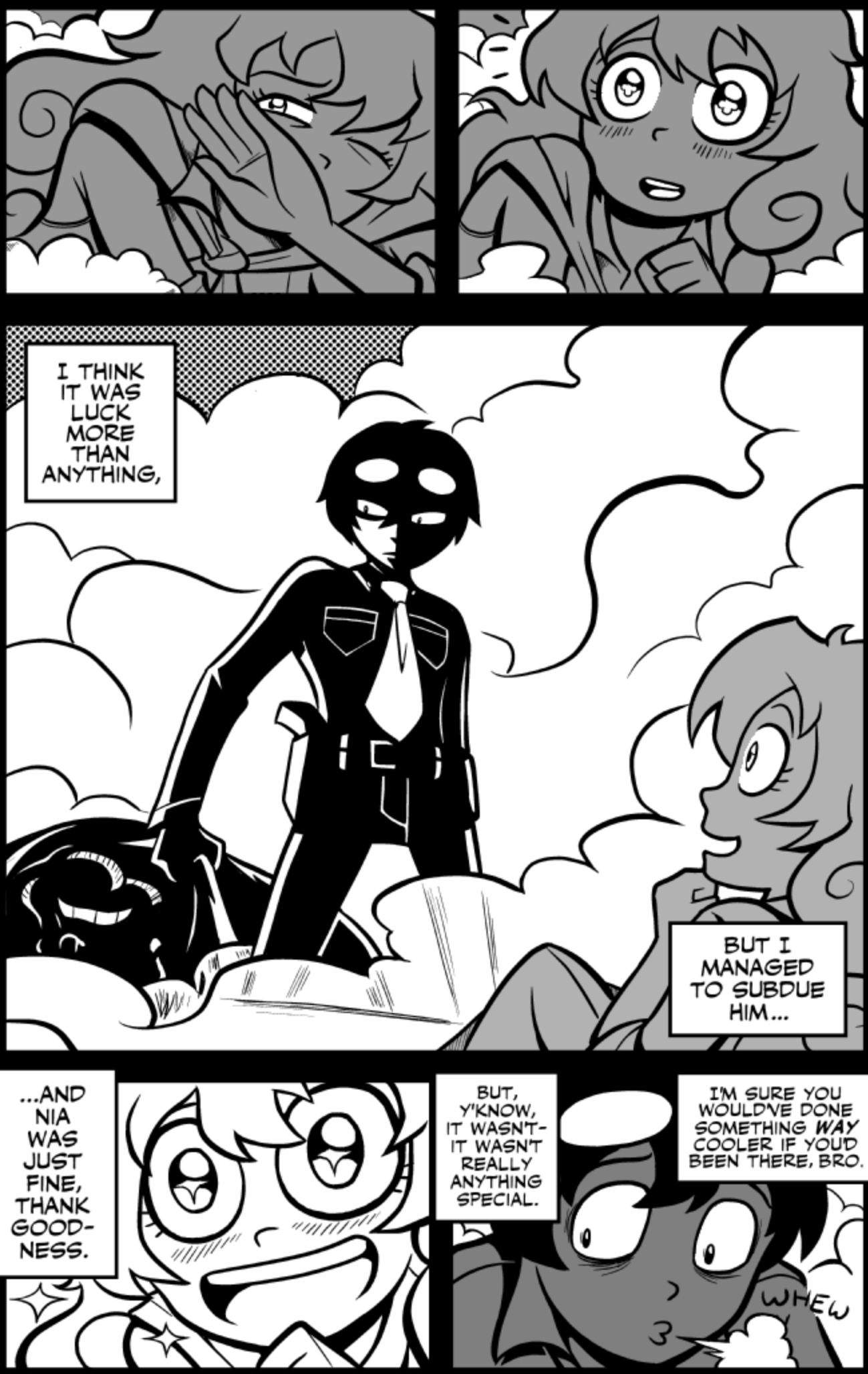
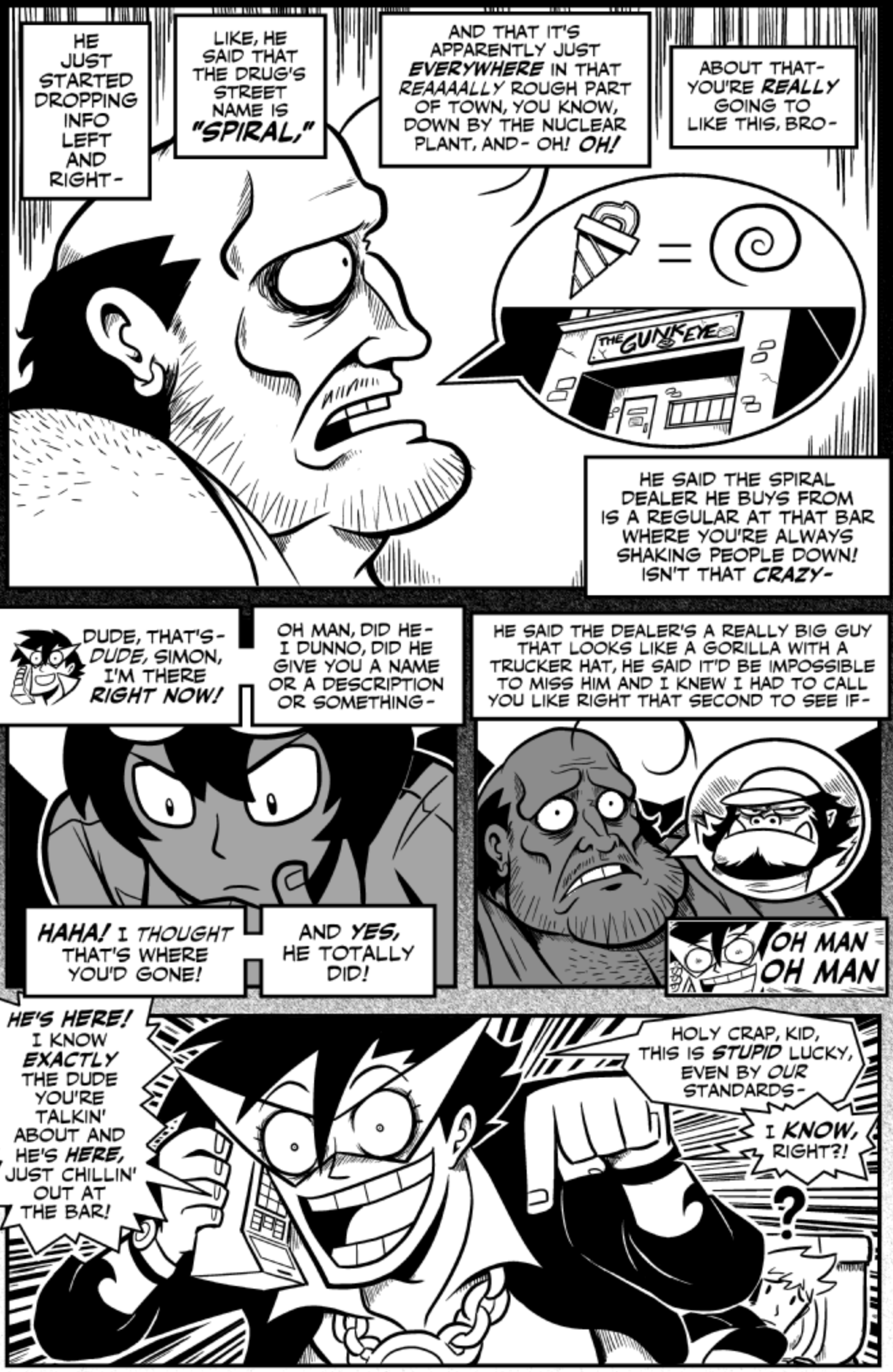
PWING


I THINK IT WAS LUCK MORE THAN ANYTHING,
BUT I MANAGED TO SUBDUE HIM...
...AND NIA WAS JUST FINE, THANK GOOD-NESS.
BUT, Y'KNOW, IT WASN'T- IT WASN'T REALLY ANYTHING SPECIAL.
I'M SURE YOU WOULD'VE DONE SOMETHING *WAY* COOLER IF YOU'D BEEN THERE, BRO.
WHEW

ANYWAY, THE WHOLE STATION WAS IN A HUGE UPROAR AFTER THAT.
THE CHIEF WENT PRETTY BALLISTIC WHEN HE HEARD THAT NIA COULD'VE GOTTEN HURT, BUT -
OH SHIT, BUT THEN HE HEARD HOW YOU STEPPED UP LIKE A BOSS AND HE WAS ALL LIKE "DAAAAMN SIMON, NOW I AM WAY COOL WITH YOU MARRYING THE HELL OUT OF MY DAUGHTER, MAKE IT HAPPEN HOMIE"
B-BRO! N- I DON'T- I DON'T WANT TO - I -
ANYWAY, HE AND JUST ABOUT EVERYONE ELSE IN THE BUILDING SHOWED UP TO GET HER OUT OF THERE.
THEY, UH, THEY MORE OR LESS FORGOT ABOUT ME AND THE SUSPECT...
...WHICH ACTUALLY WASN'T SO BAD, 'CAUSE WHEN HE FINALLY WOKE UP...
...ALL OF A SUDDEN HE WAS REALLY COOPERATIVE! I'M NOT TOO SURE WHY-
BUT WHATEVER, THAT'S TOTALLY NOT IMPORTANT! YOU'RE-
OH MY GOD, BRO, YOU'RE NOT EVEN GOING TO BELIEVE WHAT HE TOLD ME-


HE JUST STARTED DROPPING INFO LEFT AND RIGHT-
LIKE, HE SAID THAT THE DRUG'S STREET NAME IS "SPIRAL,"
AND THAT IT'S APPARENTLY JUST EVERYWHERE IN THAT REAAAALLY ROUGH PART OF TOWN, YOU KNOW, DOWN BY THE NUCLEAR PLANT, AND- OH! OH!
ABOUT THAT- YOU'RE REALLY GOING TO LIKE THIS, BRO-
=
THE GUNK EYE
HE SAID THE SPIRAL DEALER HE BUYS FROM IS A REGULAR AT THAT BAR WHERE YOU'RE ALWAYS SHAKING PEOPLE DOWN! ISN'T THAT CRAZY-
DUDE, THAT'S- DUDE, SIMON, I'M THERE RIGHT NOW!
OH MAN, DID HE- I DUNNO, DID HE GIVE YOU A NAME OR A DESCRIPTION OR SOMETHING-
HE SAID THE DEALER'S A REALLY BIG GUY THAT LOOKS LIKE A GORILLA WITH A TRUCKER HAT, HE SAID IT'D BE IMPOSSIBLE TO MISS HIM AND I KNEW I HAD TO CALL YOU LIKE RIGHT THAT SECOND TO SEE IF-
HAHA! I THOUGHT THAT'S WHERE YOU'D GONE!
AND YES, HE TOTALLY DID!
OH MAN OH MAN
HE'S HERE! I KNOW EXACTLY THE DUDE YOU'RE TALKIN' ABOUT AND HE'S HERE, JUST CHILLIN' OUT AT THE BAR!
HOLY CRAP, KID, THIS IS STUPID LUCKY, EVEN BY OUR STANDARDS-
I KNOW, RIGHT?!
?

HAHAHA, YEAH! ALL RIGHT BRO!!
STILL, I'M NOT ABOUT TO LOOK A GIFT HORSE IN THE MOUTH.
YOU MIGHT WANNA GO GRAB SOME MORE BOOKING PAPERS, LITTLE MAN, 'CAUSE I'M GONNA BE ROLLIN' THIS SMACK-DEALING DONG JOCKEY BACK TO THE STATION INSIDE OF 20 MINUTES.
AND- AND JUST THINK WHAT THE CHIEF IS GONNA SAY WHEN WE MAKE OUR REPORT! HE'LL JUST HAVE TO MAKE US PARTNERS AGAIN ONCE HE SEES ALL THE HEADWAY WE'VE MADE, ESPECIALLY ONCE YOU GET LT. BLACK OUT OF THE PIC- OH!
OH! THAT REMINDS ME, BRO! HOW'S ALL THAT GOING?
IS IT WORKING SO FAR??
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...UH, NOT SURE I FOLLOW, KIDDO. IS, UH, IS WHAT WORKING?
YOU- YOU KNOW, THE PLAN TO GET RID OF LT. BLACK? REMEMBER?
YOU SAID YOU WERE GOING TO PULL ALL KINDS OF HAZING SHENANIGANS ON HIM-

SHIT, THAT'S RIGHT!
DUDE, I BARELY REMEMBER EVEN SAYING THAT, FEELS LIKE IT WAS MONTHS AGO! HAHAHA!!
SO... UM, SO I GUESS THAT MEANS YOU HAVEN'T REALLY GOTTEN TO IT YET?
OH NO NO NO, I TOTALLY DID, GOT ALL THE FREAKSHOWS OVER HERE RILED UP SO THEY'D BEAT THE TAR OUT OF HIM, BUT GET THIS-

-TURNS OUT HE'S PRETTY MUCH THE RADDEST DUDE ON EARTH!!

WHIRL

SERIOUSLY, I HAD THE GUY COMPLETELY WRONG. IT'S LIKE WE SHARE A DAMN BRAIN!
AND OH MY GOD, KID, YOU HAVE GOT TO HEAR SOME OF HIS STORIES, YOU'RE-
HAHAHA, YOU ARE JUST GONNA LOSE IT WHEN YOU HEAR WHAT HE DID TO THIS LAWYER ONE TIME-
BUT- BUT BRO, WHAT ABOUT-
OH YEAH YOU'RE RIGHT, YOU'RE RIGHT, PLENTY OF TIME TO CATCH UP WHEN WE GET BACK.
GOTTA NAB THAT "SPIRAL" OR WHATEVER DEALER BEFORE HE TAKES OFF, I-
SHIT, NOT EVEN SURE HE'S STILL HERE NOW THAT I THINK OF IT!
SHIT!!
W-WAIT, BRO, THAT'S N-NOT WHAT I WAS TRYING TO-
DAMN, I GOTTA- SIMON, BUDDY, I GOTTA GO!!
AND HEY, KILLER JOB GETTIN' THOSE LEADS, MY MAN!
IF THIS LUCK KEEPS UP WE MIGHT JUST BLOW THE LID RIGHT OFF THIS THING TODAY!!
SEE YOU SOON, BROHEIM-
HANG ON, BRO, I - I THOUGHT-

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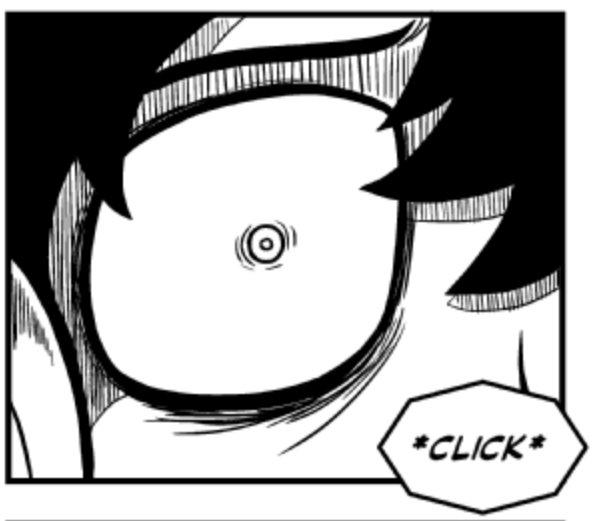
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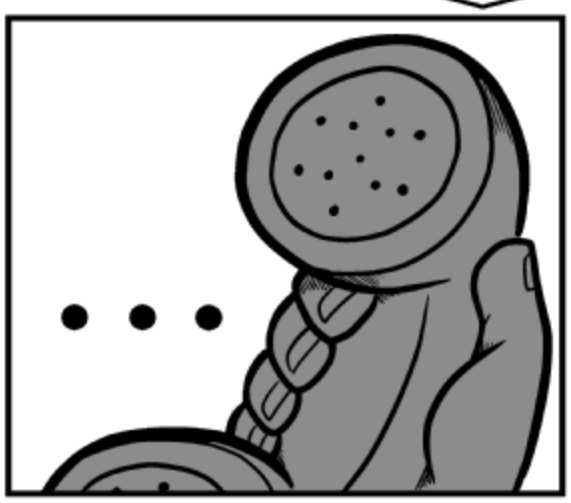

...B-BRO,
I THOUGHT
WE HAD A
PLAN

"COUGH" SO UH HEY WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT
BEEP
DUDE, GET UP. IT IS OFFICIALLY MAGIC TIME.
THAT WAS MY BUDDY BACK AT THE STATION, AND HOLY SHIT CHECK THIS.
THOSE DRILL-LOOKIN' THINGS I WAS TELLING YOU ABOUT? TOTALLY DRUGS. LIKE, WE'RE TALKIN' SOME CRAZY-ASS 'ROID/ANGEL DUST COMBO DRUGS. CALLED "SPIRAL," APPARENTLY.
GUY HE WAS QUESTIONING SHOT UP WITH ONE OF 'EM AND WENT FULL-ON MR. HYDE, MAN.
WHOA CRAZY
AND THAT'S NOT EVEN THE BEST PART! YOU WANNA HEAR THE BEST PART?!
SURE, I GUESS-
THE GUY'S DEALER IS HERE!
LIKE, RIGHT HERE IN THIS DAMN BAR!!
OH YEAH I GUESS I HEARD THAT PART
WELL THEN GET YOUR ASS UP! WE GOTTA STEAMROLL THIS CHUMP AND RUN HIM IN BEFORE HE BAILS! C'MON, CHOP CHOP!! WE'RE BURNIN' DAYLIGHT HERE-
DUDE, LOOK AT ME
I DON'T EVEN THINK I CAN STAND RIGHT NOW, MUCH LESS TANGLE WITH SOME TURBO-STEROID DEALING NUTJOB-
WHATEVER! JUST SACK THE HELL UP AND GET THAT ADRENALINE PUMPING!!
I GUARAN-GODDAMN-TEE YOU THAT IS THE BEST THING YOU CAN DO TO BEAT BACK THE GIN SPINS-
OH MY GOD DON'T SAY THAT WORD *HURK*
ARGH, FINE, I'LL TAKE THE LEAD.
YOU HAD FREAKING BETTER BACK ME UP WHEN YOU'RE DONE DOIN' YOUR THING HERE, THOUGH.
OK COOL I WILL

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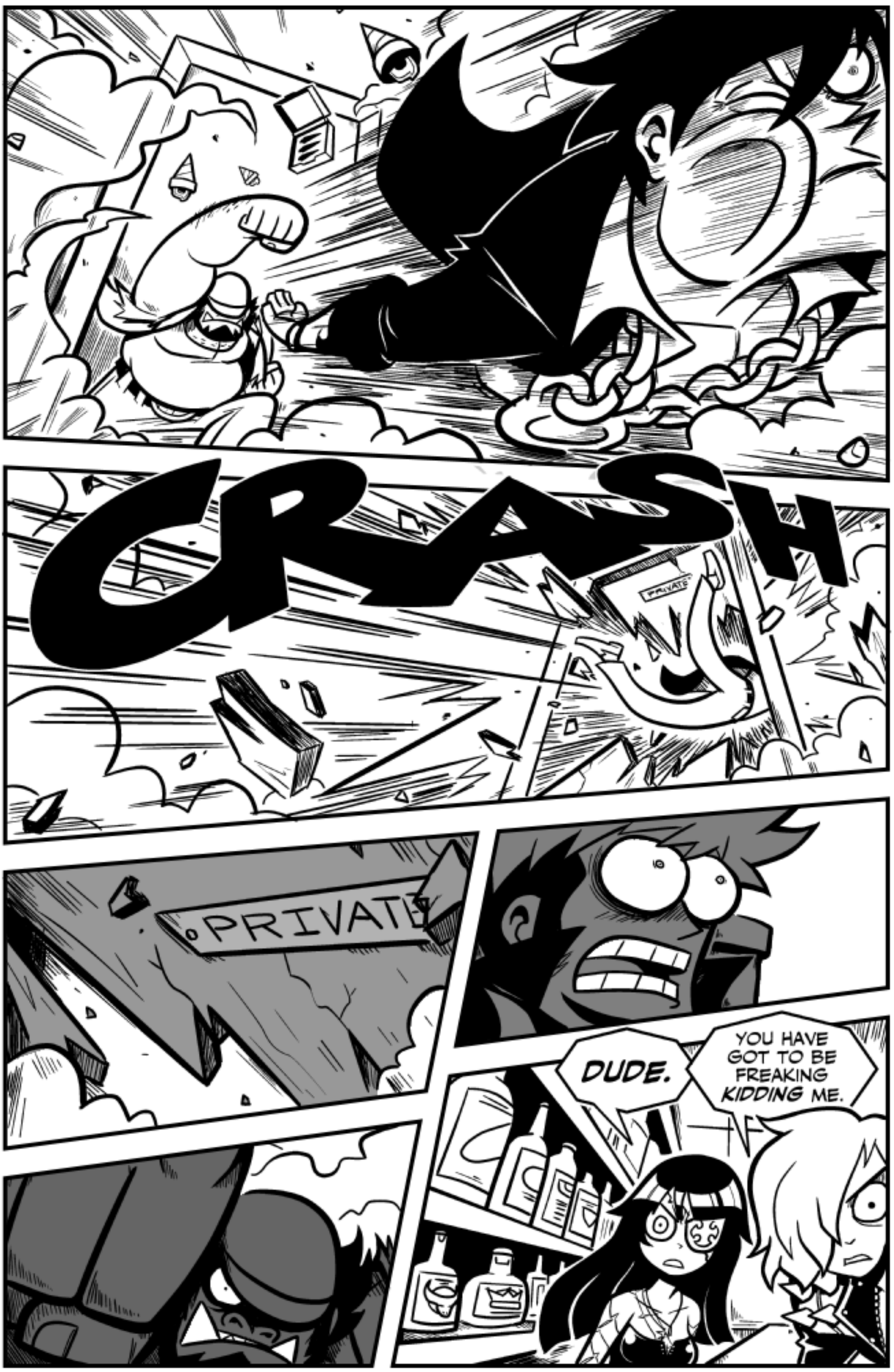
RESTROOM
KILT
MO
SUCKS
LUCY

SO HEY, DID YOU HEAR ANY OF THAT? IT'D SAVE ME A WHOLE LOT OF EXPLAININ' IF YOU DID.
UH...
...NO, THE JUKE'S PLAYIN' PRETTY LOUD OUT THERE.
...WHY, WHAT WERE YOU-
OK, NEVER MIND, DON'T TELL ME. I'LL COME BACK LATER.
WHOA
WHOA WHOA, HANG ON! BEFORE YOU TAKE OFF-
-YOU AIN'T HOLDIN', ARE YA?
'CAUSE I HEAR YOU'RE THE DUDE TO TALK TO...
...IF I'M LOOKIN' TO SCORE SOME SPIRAL.

GOT NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKIN' ABOUT, FELLA.
UH-HUH. SO I'M SOMEHOW MISREADING THAT SUPER OBVIOUS "WHOOPS GUESS WHO JUST GOT CAUGHT" LOOK YOU GOT PLASTERED ALL OVER YOUR FACE, HUH? LET'S NOT PLAY THIS GAME, MAN.
WHO'S PLAYIN', PIG? I'LL SAY IT AGAIN, I GOT NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKIN' ABOUT.
AND YOU GOT NO PROOF OF WHATEVER IT IS YOU THINK I'M DOIN'...
...SO YOU BEST KEEP THAT MOUTH OF YOURS SHUT REAL TIGHT IF YOU DON'T WANNA FIND YOURSELF IN A WHOLE MESS O' TROUBLE.

YOINK
WELL SLAP MY ASS AND CALL ME SUSAN, WHAT DO WE HAVE HERE?? IT - IT ALMOST LOOKS LIKE....
...LIKE THAT EVIDENCE YOU SAID I DIDN'T HAVE! MAN, WHAT A TWIST, RIGHT?!
HAHAHA OH DAMN HE GOT YOU GOOD, MAGILLA
YOU SMARTASS SON OF A BITCH-

WHOA WHAT THE-
OH YEAH, THE GIN
HEH
MAN THAT WAS KIND OF A BAD CALL NOW THAT I THINK ABOU-


CRASH
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DUDE.
YOU HAVE GOT TO BE FREAKING KIDDING ME.

WELL SHIT, WHAT'S THE PLAN THEN?! CAT'S DEFINITELY OUT OF THE BAG NOW!
I - MAN, I THINK WE JUST GOTTA PULL THE RIPCORD HERE, BABE.
WHAT?! YOU ARE OUT OF YOUR GODDAMNED MIND, THERE'S WEEKS WORTH OF WORK IN THERE-
YEAH, AND I AM NOT ABOUT TO LET THOSE IDIOT COPS GET THEIR HANDS ON A DAMN SHRED OF IT. 'SIDES, EVERYTHING THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT WE COULD FIT IN A BACKPACK. I'LL DASH IN THERE AND GRAB WHATEVER I CAN, YOU TAKE CARE OF THE FIREWORKS AND MEET ME 'ROUND BACK-
OK FINE, FINE, GET MOVING, WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR ME TO THINK OF ANYTHING BETTER.
DAMMIT, I REALLY LIKED THIS PLACE.
TOTALLY OUR BEST SAFE HOUSE.
CLICK
BEEP
ALL RIGHT, EVERYBODY OUT
WE'RE CLOSING EARLY
OUT
BLAM

KAMINA?
BUDDY?
YOU OK OUT THERE? I-I CAN'T SEE THE GORILLA DUDE ANY MORE
PLUS I HEARD GUNSHOTS
...KAMINA?
CRAP, HE IS IN TROUBLE FOR SURE
I GOTTA- I GOTTA GO BACK HIM UP-
OH GOD OK, BODY'S NOT TOO INTO THAT IDEA
DAMMIT IF I COULD JUST TAKE THE EDGE OFF EVEN A LITTLE, LIKE-
LIKE HIT SOME SMELLING SALTS OR- OR-
DAMMIT I DON'T KNOW, LIKE AN ADRENALINE SHOT OR SOMETHI-
!

GOD DAMMIT WHERE'S THE OTHER ONE?!
I KNOW THEY ALL FELL RIGHT AROUND HERE-
URGH
...THAT...THAT THE BEST YOU GOT, KOKO
MY PARAPLEGIC GREAT-UNCLE CAN HIT HARDER THAN YOU
I'M WARNIN' YOU, YOU'RE GONNA WANT TO STAY DOWN AND KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT THERE, PORKCHOP.
OR WHAT, YOU'LL WING A TURD AT ME
THAT WOULD BE A LOT MORE UNPLEASANT THAN YOUR DELICATE LITTLE PRINCESS PUNCHES, I'LL HAND YOU THAT
YOU KNOW WHAT, ASSHOLE? YOU TALK TOO DAMN MUCH.
IN FACT, YOU JUST TALKED YOUR WAY RIGHT OFF THIS EARTH.
HEH WHAT
I DON'T GET IT

CLANG
...THE HELL?! GET LOST, BLONDIE, THIS AIN'T NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS-
I'D SAY SOMEONE TRYING TO KILL A COP IN MY JOINT IS *ABSOLUTELY* MY BUSINESS.
I'VE GOT ENOUGH ON MY PLATE WITHOUT YOU BRINGING DOWN THAT KIND OF HEAT.
THAT IS SOME ***BULLSHIT,*** MAN. US MUTIES ARE SUPPOSED TO HAVE EACH OTHER'S BACKS, RIGHT-
OH CRY ME A RIVER. YOU LOST ANY GOOD WILL YOU MIGHT'VE HAD AROUND HERE THE SECOND YOU STARTED DEALING THAT TOXIC GARBAGE.
NOW HOW WOULD YOU KNOW ABOUT ANY OF THAT? IT AIN'T LIKE I'M A REGULAR HERE OR ANYTH-
...WHOA, HOLD ON NOW. WHAT IN THE-

...WHAT'RE YOU DOIN' WITH A PHOTO OF ME?!
WHAT THE HELL IS ALL THIS?!?
GOOD QUESTIONS,
BUT YOU'RE JUST GONNA HAVE TO PUZZLE 'EM OUT FOR YOURSELF.
I'VE GOT SOMEWHERE TO BE.

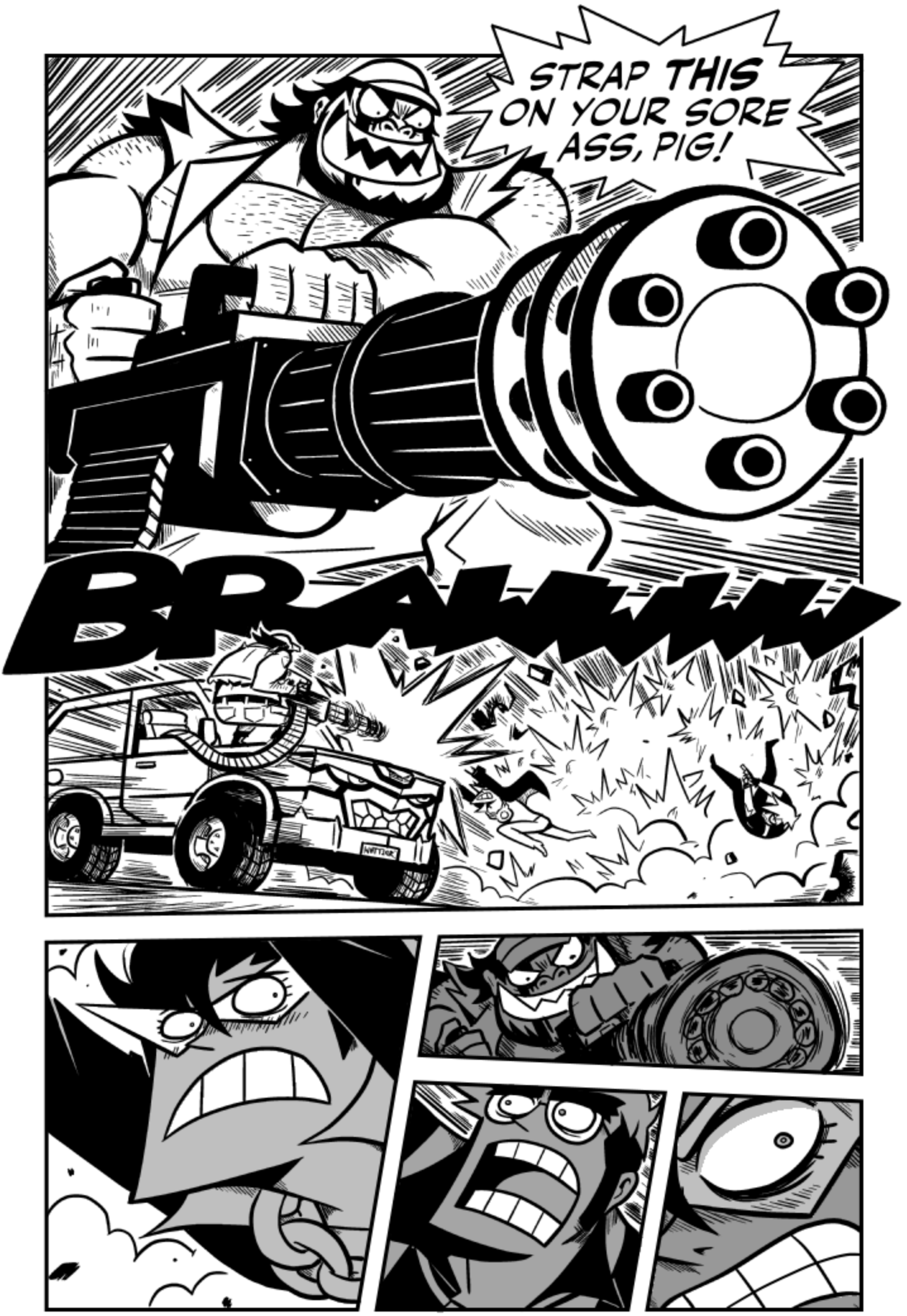
HONK HONK
AND SPEAK OF THE DEVIL, THERE'S MY RIDE.
MOVE YOUR ASS, VIRAL!
C'MON C'MON, WE GOT LESS THAN THREE MINUTES NOW!
DUMPO
YOU WAIT JUST ONE DAMN SECOND! NOW YOU ARE GONNA TELL ME 'BOUT THAT PICTURE AND WHY YOU GOT IT-
YEAH MAN, AND ALL THE REST OF THIS CRAP IS WICKED SUSPICIOUS, TOO! I OUGHTA TAKE YOU IN ON GENERAL PRINCIPLE-
HEY, SHUT UP.
DIDN'T YOU HEAR THE LADY? THERE'S LESS THAN THREE MINUTES-
'TIL WHAT, D-BAG?!
'TIL THIS PLACE GETS BLOWN SKY HIGH.
SO. WHATEVER LITTLE DANCE ROUTINE YOU GUYS WERE IN THE MIDDLE OF, YOU'RE GONNA WANT TO WRAP IT UP REAL QUICK.
!
!
LOTS OF LUCK, FELLAS. I'M SURE I WON'T BE SEEING Y-
DIPSHIT!! COME ON!!!
ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT! GOD DAMN, CALM DOWN!
SLAM

WELL, YOU HEARD THE MAN! C'MON, SHAKE A LEG! WE GOTTA GET YOU BACK TO THE STATION AND WE DON'T HAVE A WHOLE LOT OF TIME TO-
REAL FUNNY, PIG. BUT I GOT A BETTER IDEA.
WAY I SEE IT, IF YOU SOMEHOW DON'T MAKE IT OUTTA HERE BEFORE THIS PLACE GOES UP...
...I CAN JUST WALK AWAY FROM THIS WHOLE THING, NO PROBLEM.
LIKE SAY FOR INSTANCE YOU COULDN'T MOVE 'CAUSE SOMEHOW YOU GOT PINNED TO THIS WALL HERE.
'CAUSE SOMEHOW YOU GOT A KNIFE PUT RIGHT THROUGH YOUR SHOULDER.
OR MAYBE RIGHT THROUGH YOUR GUT.
OR MAYBE YOUR NECK.
OR MAYBE YOUR FACE
WHAT THE-

PAW
INK EYE
...SO THAT'S WHAT SPIRAL CAN DO, HUH?
...HEH.
NOT TOO SHABBY.

HELL OF A SAVE, MY MAN.
HELL OF A HAYMAKER, TOO. GUESS THOSE PYTHONS OF YOURS AREN'T JUST FOR SHOW, HUH?
HEH
brush brush
AND HERE I THOUGHT I WAS GONNA HAVE TO DRAG YOU BACK TO THE PRECINCT ON A GURNEY! WHAT FINALLY GOT YOU OUTTA THE CRAPPER THERE, GUY?
HUH? OH, UH...
UH, YOU KNOW HOW, LIKE, SOMETIMES YOU JUST GET EVERYTHING OUT WITH ONE REALLY HUGE PUKE, AND THEN YOU'RE FINE AND BASICALLY JUST FEEL HUNGRY AFTER?
OH MAN, YOU ARE PREACHIN' TO THE CHOIR.
scratch scratch
I'M GONNA BE THERE MYSELF IF I DON'T WOLF SOME HASH BROWNS OR SOMETHING REAL SOON.
WHADDAYA SAY WE GO READ KING KONG THE MIRANDA THEN HIT THE BURRITO JOINT?
HOLY SHIT, THAT SOUNDS LIKE MAGIC. LET'S GET THE FREAKING LEAD OUT.
OH, AND I GUESS THE BUILDING'S GONNA BLOW UP IN A COUPLE MINUTES? PROBABLY JUST AS WELL THAT WE'RE BAILIN'.
COOL.
RR
RR
!

DUDE, IS HE SERIOUSLY TRYIN' TO MAKE A BREAK FOR IT?
THAT WAS A REAL BAD MOVE, BOBO!!
GIMME MY KEYS, MAN. WE ARE DOING THIS.
CHAK
WHTTIGR
GIVE IT UP ALREADY, DIRTBAG!
YOU HEARD THE MAN, GET THE HELL OUTTA THE CAR RIGHT NOW-
OH BOY.


STRAP THIS ON YOUR SORE ASS, PIG!
BRAAAAM

PLING
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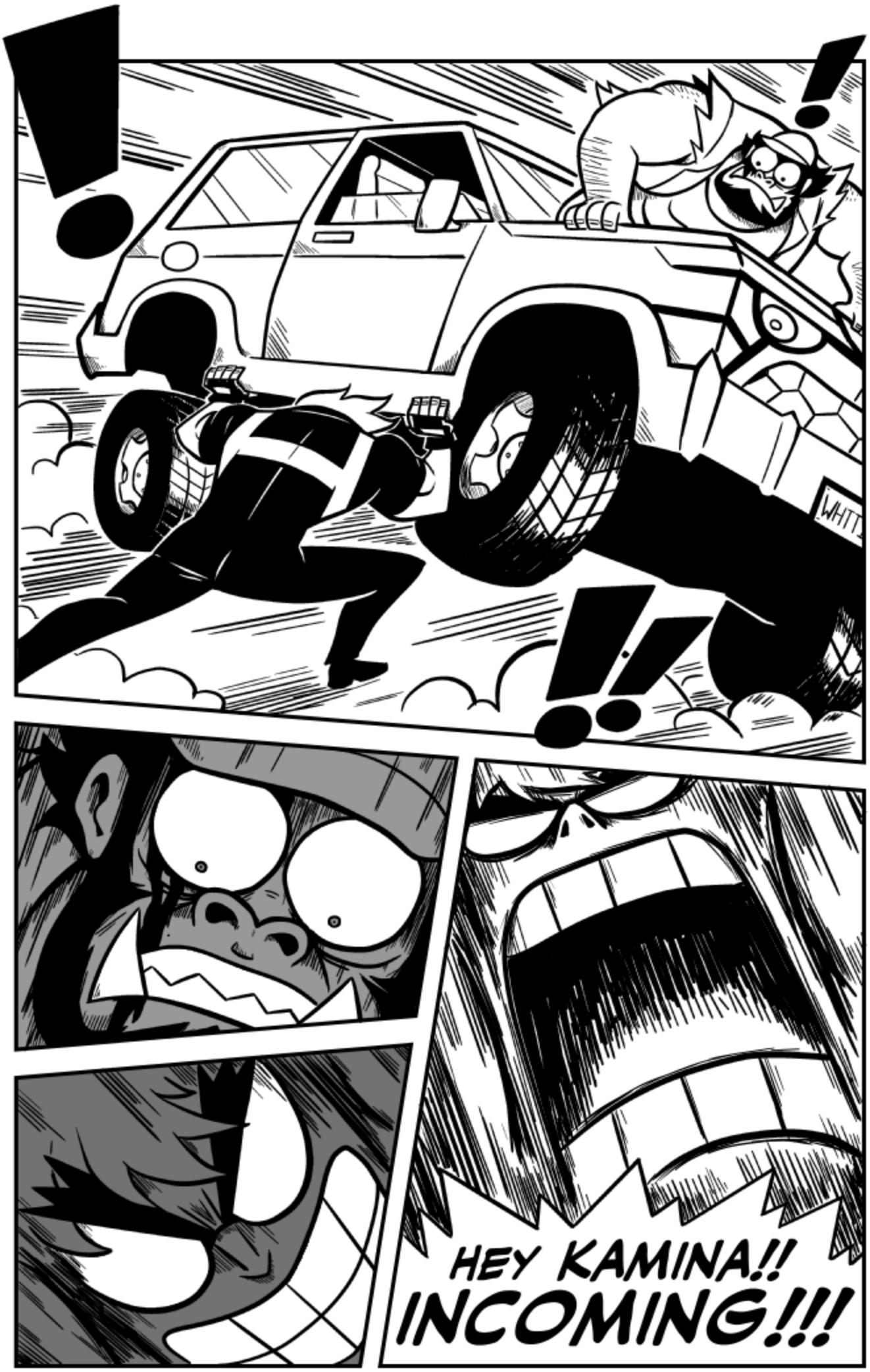
THE HELL?!
WHAT'D THEY DO, CALL IN A DAMN SNIPER?!
SHIT.
SHIT! GUY'S PROBABLY STILL GOT A PERFECT BEAD ON ME, I- DAMMIT, I GOTTA GET DOWN OFFA HERE RIGHT NOW-
CREEEAK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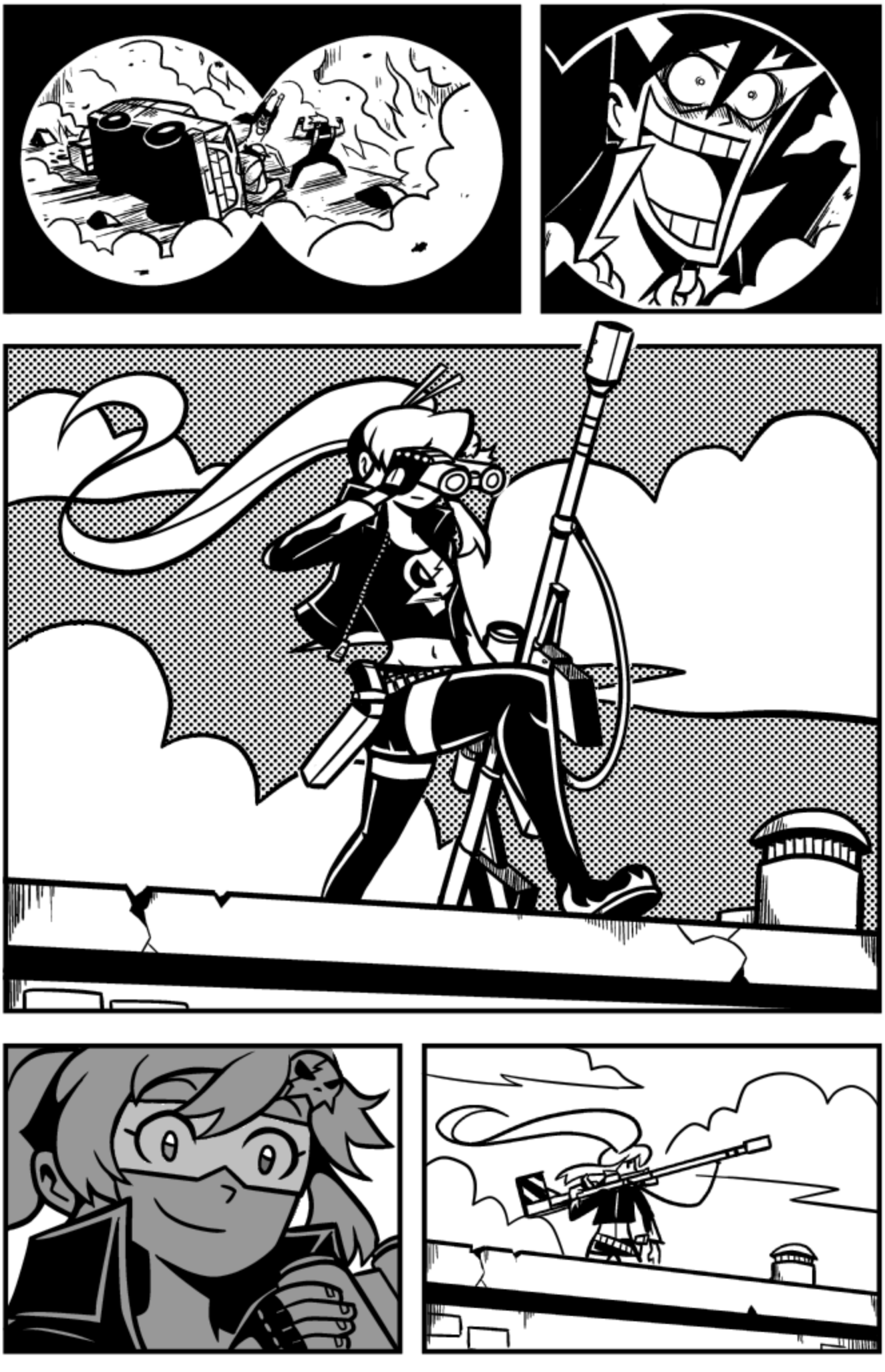
HEY KAMINA!!
INCOMING!!!

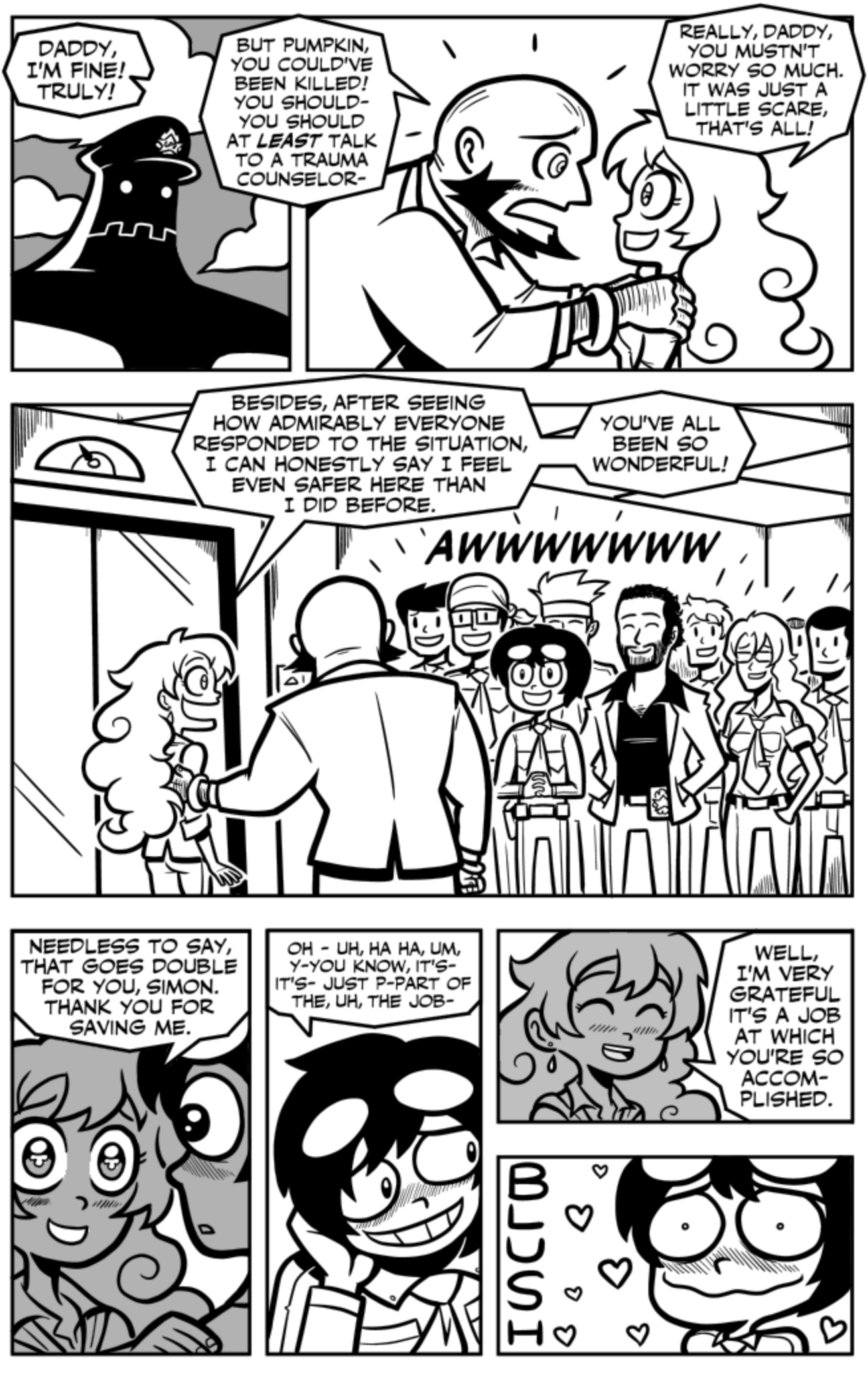
OH, I SEE HIM.
HEY BONZO! GUESS WHAT TIME IT IS!
BED TIME

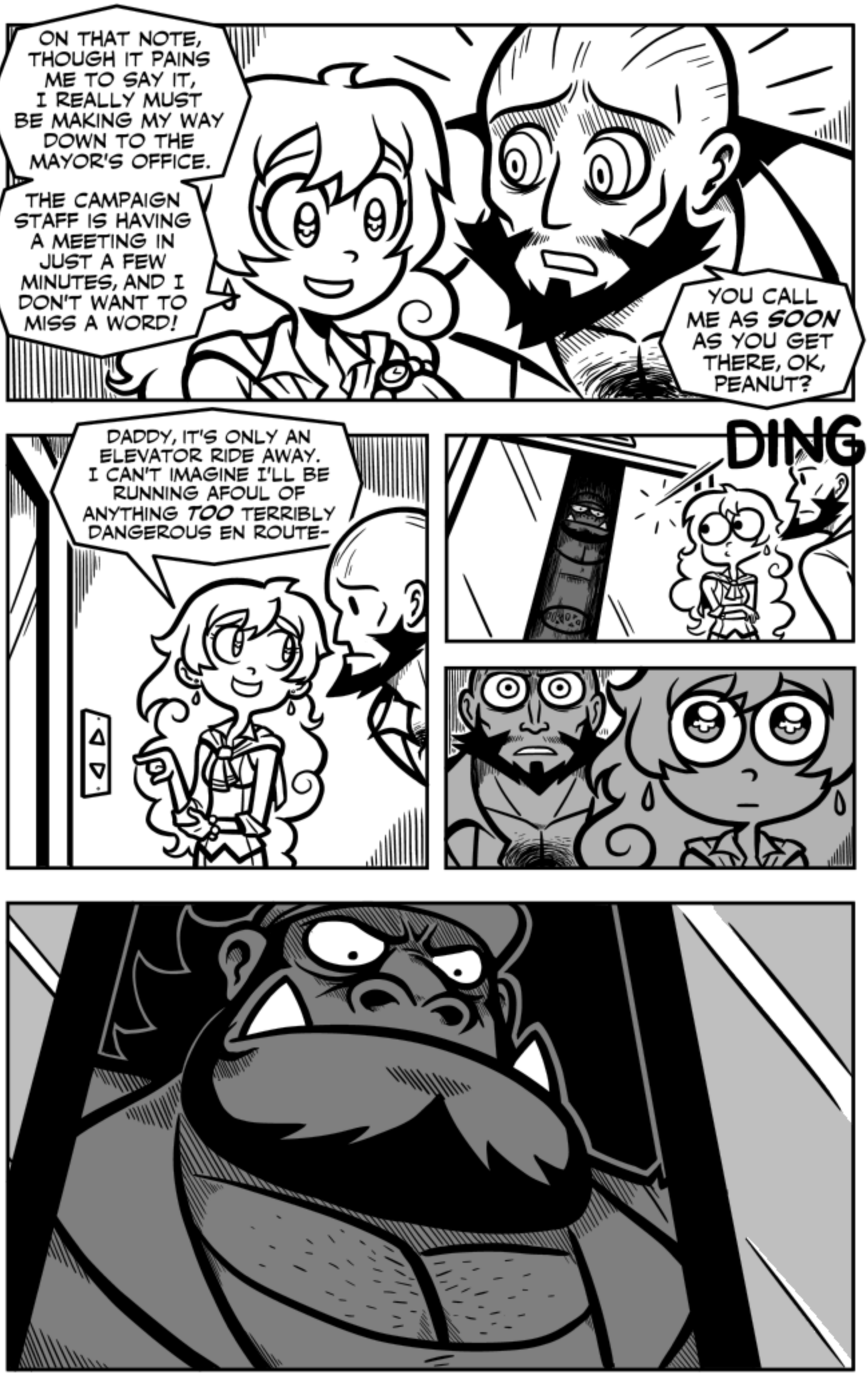
HEY MAN, HURRY UP AND CUFF CURIOUS GEORGE THERE AND COME CHECK THIS OUT. YOU ARE GONNA FLIP SHIT.
OH DUDE, NO FREAKING WAY.
YUP, WE GOT AT LEAST THREE CRATES JUST FULL OF DRILLS BACK HERE. LOOKS LIKE THERE MIGHT BE ANOTHER COUPLE IN THE BACK SEAT.
GUY WAS MOVING SOME PRETTY SERIOUS VOLUME.
SO BASICALLY WE'RE ONE ROUND OF GOOD COP/BAD COP AWAY FROM TRACKIN' DOWN WHOEVER'S NEXT UP ON THE SUPPLY CHAIN. SHIT YES.
EXACTLY. MERRY CHRISTMAS TO US.
HAHAHA, OH MAN, LOOK. DR. ZAIUS IS WAKIN' UP. LET'S GO TELL HIM THE GOOD NEWS!
HA! RIGHT BEHIND YOU, BUDDY.

UGH
MORNIN', SUNSHINE! HEY, GUESS WHAT WE FOUND IN YOUR TRUCK!
HERE'S A HINT: SOOOO MANY DRUGS.
I HATE TO BREAK IT TO YOU, PAL, BUT YOU MIGHT BE LOOKIN' AT SOME GNARLY JAIL TIME HERE.
TRY NOT TO GO... APE.
NO JOKE, FELLA. FOR YOUR OWN SAKE, I'D ADVISE YOU NOT TO PULL ANY MORE MONKEYSHINES.

DAP
0:00
BEEP
YES

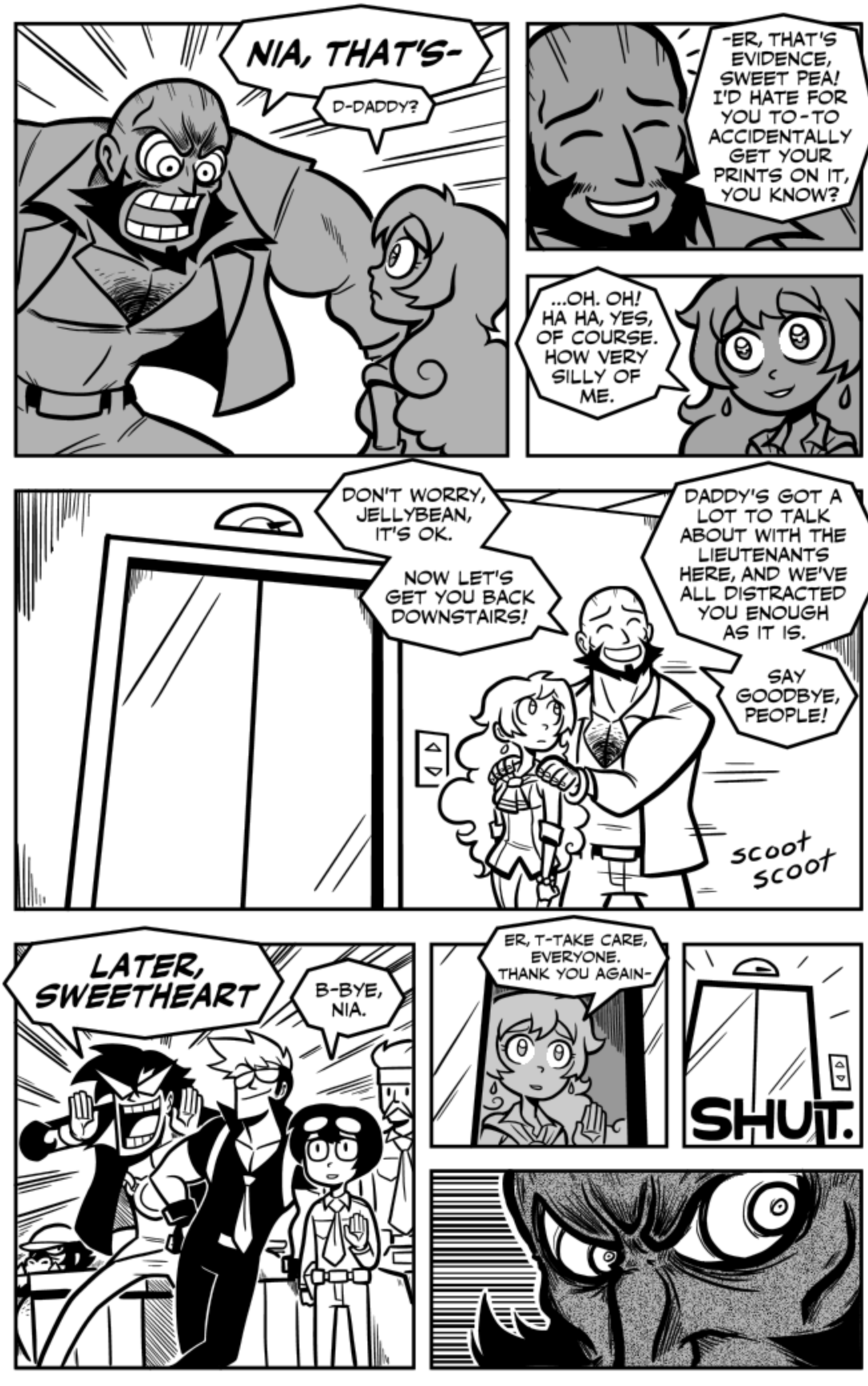



DADDY, I'M FINE! TRULY!
BUT PUMPKIN, YOU COULD'VE BEEN KILLED! YOU SHOULD- YOU SHOULD AT *LEAST* TALK TO A TRAUMA COUNSELOR-
REALLY, DADDY, YOU MUSTN'T WORRY SO MUCH. IT WAS JUST A LITTLE SCARE, THAT'S ALL!
BESIDES, AFTER SEEING HOW ADMIRABLY EVERYONE RESPONDED TO THE SITUATION, I CAN HONESTLY SAY I FEEL EVEN SAFER HERE THAN I DID BEFORE.
YOU'VE ALL BEEN SO WONDERFUL!
AWWWWWW
NEEDLESS TO SAY, THAT GOES DOUBLE FOR YOU, SIMON. THANK YOU FOR SAVING ME.
OH - UH, HA HA, UM, Y-YOU KNOW, IT'S- IT'S- JUST P-PART OF THE, UH, THE JOB-
WELL, I'M VERY GRATEFUL IT'S A JOB AT WHICH YOU'RE SO ACCOM-PLISHED.
BLUSH


ON THAT NOTE, THOUGH IT PAINS ME TO SAY IT, I REALLY MUST BE MAKING MY WAY DOWN TO THE MAYOR'S OFFICE.
THE CAMPAIGN STAFF IS HAVING A MEETING IN JUST A FEW MINUTES, AND I DON'T WANT TO MISS A WORD!
YOU CALL ME AS *SOON* AS YOU GET THERE, OK, PEANUT?
DADDY, IT'S ONLY AN ELEVATOR RIDE AWAY. I CAN'T IMAGINE I'LL BE RUNNING AFOUL OF ANYTHING *TOO* TERRIBLY DANGEROUS EN ROUTE-
DING

VRAAAAAAA!
POP QUIZ, EVERYBODY!
GUESS WHO'S GOT FOUR THUMBS...
...AND JUST BUSTED THEIR CASE OPEN SO WIDE YOU CAN SEE WHAT IT HAD FOR LUNCH?!
WHA-BAM, THESE GUYS.
BRO!!
MR. KAMINA!

HEY-OOOO, HOW YOU KIDS DOIN'?!
CHECK THIS SHIT OUT, SIMON, THAT LEAD OF YOURS WORKED LIKE GANGBUSTERS!
H-HOLY SMOKES, BRO! WHAT A HAUL!
ARE THESE- ARE THESE ALL-
WHAT, CHOCK FULL OF SPIRAL? YOU BET THEY ARE, SQUIRT!
H-HEY, I-I WAS TALKING TO MY BRO-
WE GOT MORE EVIDENCE THAN WE KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH!
MY GOODNESS, YOU CERTAINLY DID!
SO I ASSUME "SPIRAL" IS A BRAND OF POWER TOOL ACCESSORY, THEN? DID THIS SIMIAN GENTLEMAN PILFER THESE FROM A HARDWARE STORE, MR. KAMINA?
NIA!!! GET AWAY FROM THERE THIS INSTANT!!


NIA, THAT'S-
D-DADDY?
-ER, THAT'S EVIDENCE, SWEET PEA! I'D HATE FOR YOU TO-TO ACCIDENTALLY GET YOUR PRINTS ON IT, YOU KNOW?
...OH. OH! HA HA, YES, OF COURSE. HOW VERY SILLY OF ME.
DON'T WORRY, JELLYBEAN, IT'S OK.
NOW LET'S GET YOU BACK DOWNSTAIRS!
DADDY'S GOT A LOT TO TALK ABOUT WITH THE LIEUTENANTS HERE, AND WE'VE ALL DISTRACTED YOU ENOUGH AS IT IS.
SAY GOODBYE, PEOPLE!
scoot scoot
LATER, SWEETHEART
B-BYE, NIA.
ER, T-TAKE CARE, EVERYONE. THANK YOU AGAIN-
SHUT.

OH MY GOD, COME ON! HOW COULD YOU POSSIBLY BE CHEESED OFF ABOUT THIS?!
WE'VE GOT A MOUNTAIN OF EVIDENCE AND A DEALER RIGHT HERE! TELL ME THAT'S NOT PROGRESS-
NO, SCREW THAT, TELL ME THIS ISN'T A TOTAL OUT-AND-OUT SLAM DUNK, I DARE YOU-
ZTHACKB
OH, YOU DARE ME, HUH? OK, HOW ABOUT THE FACT THAT YOU SMELL LIKE A DISTILLERY AND YET CHOSE TO DRIVE BACK HERE?!
STRAIGHT INTO THE OFFICE, I MIGHT ADD?!
HOW ABOUT YOU JUST CARELESSLY PLUNKING A DANGEROUS CRIMINAL DOWN RIGHT IN FRONT OF MY DAUGHTER?! HUH?!?
AND HOW ABOUT YOU SOMEHOW ALREADY CORRUPTING AN INCORRUPTIBLE COP?!
WHAT THE HELL DID YOU DO TO POOR LT. BLACK, SLIP HIM A ROOFIE?! SOME CRANK?! BOTH-
HEY! YOU GET STRAIGHT OUTTA HIS GRILL, BALDY!!

EXCUSE ME, LIEUTENANT?!
YOU HEARD ME! THIS DUDE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING BUT SAVE ME FROM LIVIN' A LIE, MAN!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOU-
NO, YOU LISTEN, CUEBALL!!
B-BUT I DIDN'T SAY-
I HEARD ENOUGH ASS-BACKWARDS GARBAGE ABOUT THE WAY I GOT THINGS DONE BACK AT THE 149TH, PAL. THAT IS NOT HAPPENIN' HERE, ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU GOT ME AND MY BOY KAMINA HAULIN' IN MARLINS LIKE THIS!
SO YOU CAN GROUSE ALL YOU WANT ABOUT PROCEDURE, BUT UNTIL WE STOP BEING SO GODDAMNED FANTASTIC AT THIS, YOU CAN JUST KEEP THAT SHIT WAY UNDER YOUR BREATH. COMPRENDE?!
PLUS YOU'RE TOTALLY MISSIN' THE POINT ANYWAY! A FEW QUICK STING OPS AND THIS DEPARTMENT IS GONNA BE FOREVER KNOWN AS "THE DUDES WHO COMPLETELY WRECKED THE SPIRAL CARTEL!"
WE'RE ALL GONNA BE FAMOUS, MAN! LIKE, MADE-FOR-TV MOVIE FAMOUS! LET'S STOP HOLLERIN' AND START PARTYIN' ALREADY!!
I - WAIT, I DON'T-
YOU PARTY RIGHT NOW.

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SO, UH, BRO, I WAS, UH, I WAS HOPING WE COULD STILL TALK ABOUT, UM, THE PARTNER SITUATION-
SAY WHAT, LITTLE MAN?

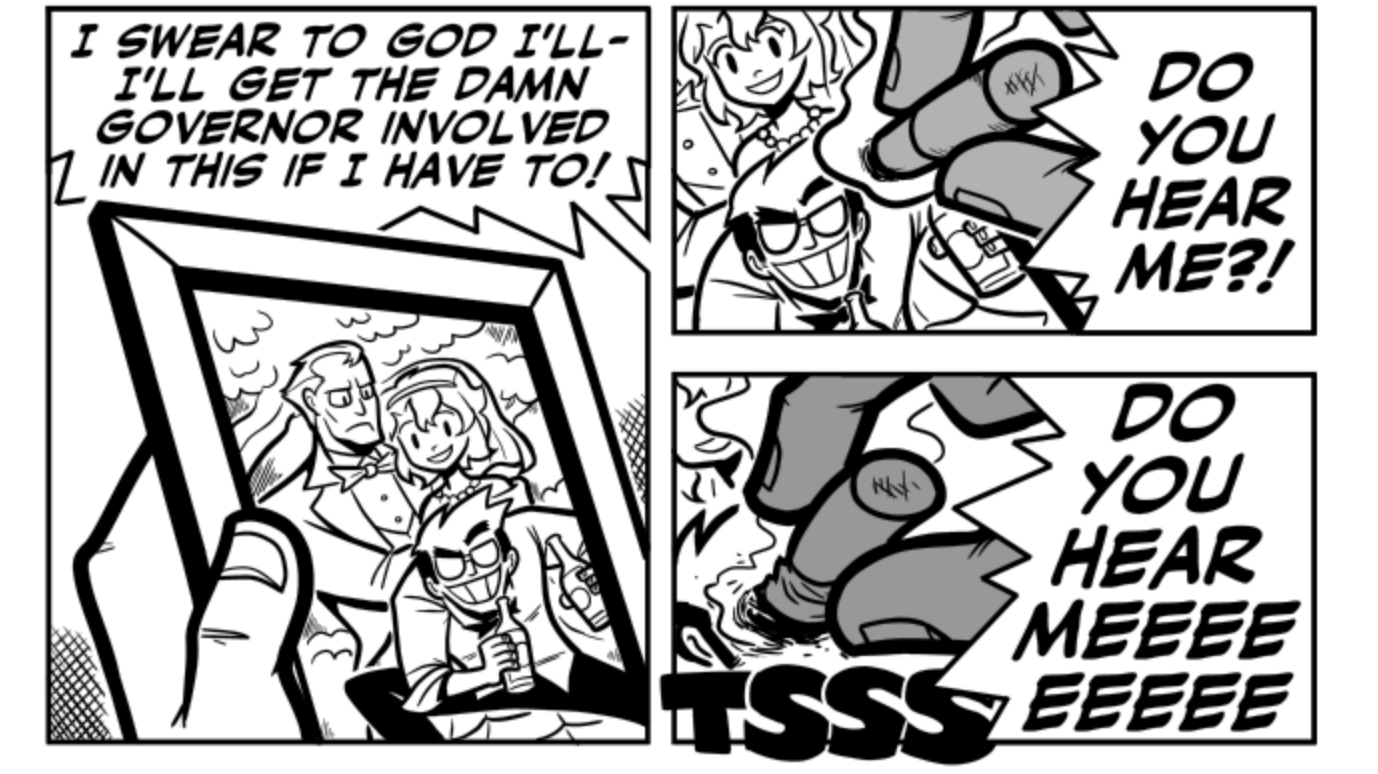
I SAID, UH, I SAID I WAS HOPING WE COULD-
STILL CAN'T HEAR YA, BUDDY, IT'S- OH BOY, HANG ON A SEC-

BLERG

SORRY 'BOUT THAT, CHIEF! I'LL GRAB A TOWEL FOR THOSE SHOES OF YOURS IN A SEC.
NOW WHAT WERE YOU SAYING, LITTLE BRO?

149TH PRECINCT STATION
RING
RING
RING
RING
GPD
RING
CLICK
CHIEF HERE.
IF THIS IS LT. BLACK CALLING, NO, WE DO NOT HAVE ANYONE NAMED SEYMOUR BUTZ, HARRY BALZAC, OR ANITA MAMMOGRAM IN CUSTODY. STOP ASKING.
HAPPY TRAILS LT. BLACK
CHIEF
CHIEF
IF THIS IS ANYONE ELSE ON GOD'S GREEN EARTH, GO AHEAD AND LEAVE YOUR MESSAGE AT THE TONE. *BEEP*
PICK UP, YOU LOUSY TWO-FACED SON OF A BITCH! I KNOW YOU'RE THERE!
12 yr. SCOTCH

YOU LIED THROUGH YOUR TEETH ABOUT LT. BLACK! I'LL BET YOU BUFFED UP HIS RESUME YOURSELF!!
O'HOULIHAN
12 YR
SCOTCH
LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING, PRICK, ONE SWAGGERING MACHO NUMBSKULL IN MY DEPARTMENT WAS ALREADY ONE TOO MANY!
YOU REALLY THINK I'M JUST GONNA ROLL OVER AND LET YOU LEAVE ANOTHER ONE ON MY DOORSTEP?!
CHIEF


I SWEAR TO GOD I'LL- I'LL GET THE DAMN GOVERNOR INVOLVED IN THIS IF I HAVE TO!
DO YOU HEAR ME?!
DO YOU HEAR MEEEE EEEEE
TSSS

SLAM
LOOKING FOR SOMETHING?

QUITE THE PARTY OUT THERE, BY THE WAY. LOOKS LIKE THE NEW GUY IS ADJUSTING WELL.
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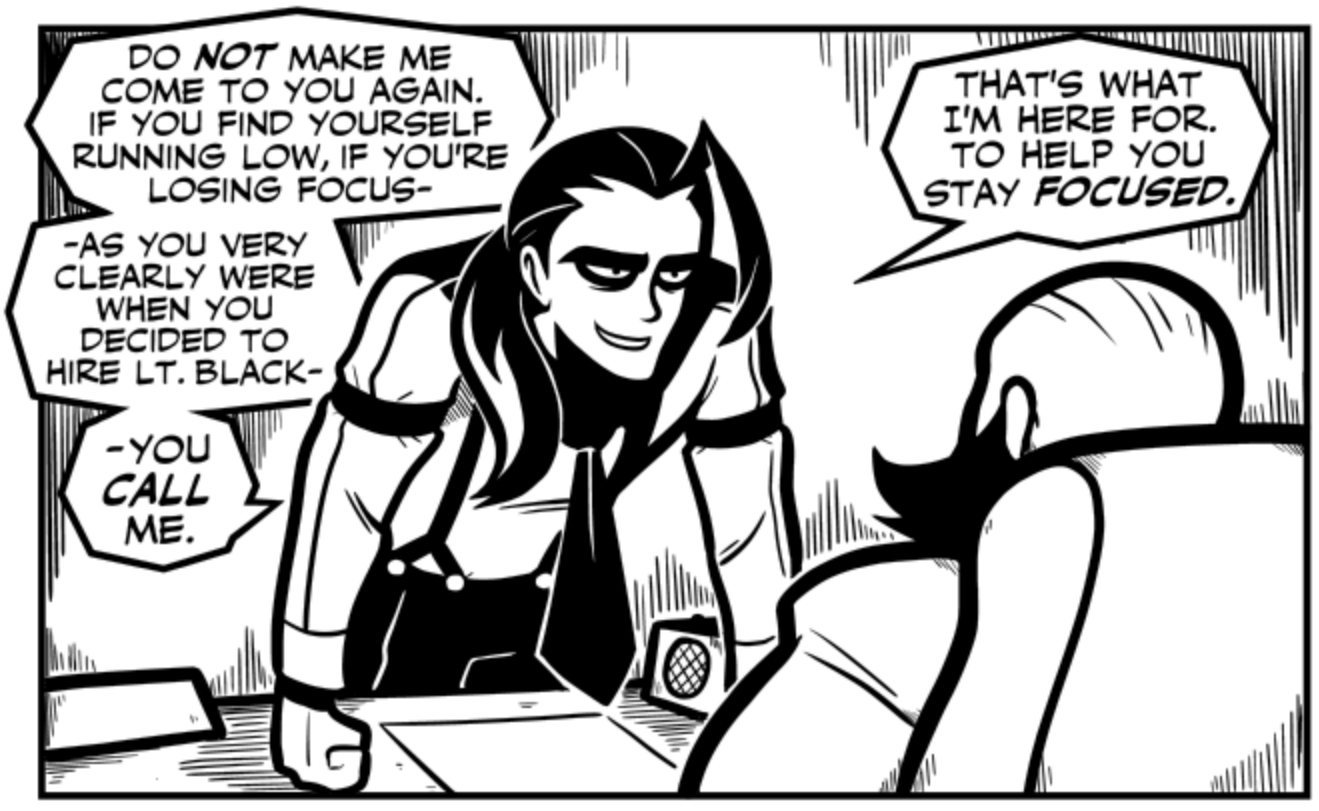
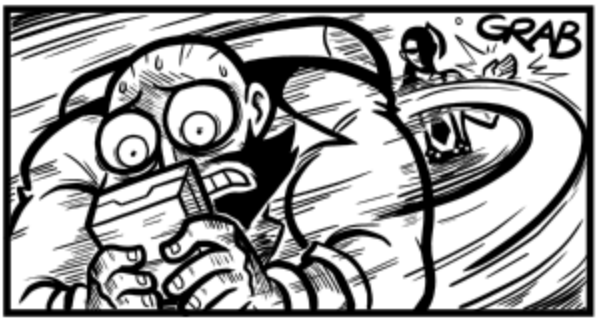
I-I-
...IF THIS IS A BAD TIME, I CAN COME BACK LATER.
I - YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND, THERE WAS NO WAY OF KNOWING, I - I WOULDN'T HAVE EVEN GIVEN LT. BLACK AN INTERVIEW IF I'D REALIZED-
H-HANG ON, NO, I-
RELAX, CHIEF.
SURE, IT WAS AN UNDENIABLY CARELESS HIRE, YOU CLEARLY FAILED TO VET THE MAN PROPERLY,
AND NOW YOU'VE GOT *TWO* UNPREDICT-ABLE SHORT FUSES ON PAYROLL WHO ALREADY HAVE THE REST OF YOUR DEPART-MENT EATING OUT OF THEIR HANDS...
BUT IT'S PRETTY HARD TO ARGUE WITH THAT HAUL THEY BROUGHT IN, ISN'T IT?
R-RIGHT! YES! EXACTLY, THEY- I'LL MAKE DEAD SURE THEY STAY ON TASK, BELIEVE YOU ME-
OH, I DO, CHIEF.
YOU MAKE IT VERY DIFFICULT SOMETIMES, BUT I DO.
ENJOY YOUR NIGHT.
...N-NO, WAIT!

I...I-THINK-
I'M - I THINK I'M OUT.
DO YOU- DO YOU HAVE ANY ON YOU?
WELL OF COURSE I DO. WE BOTH KNOW THAT'S WHAT THIS LITTLE VISIT IS REALLY ABOUT.
BEFORE I GIVE THIS TO YOU, HOWEVER...
...I WANT TO MAKE ONE THING CRYSTAL CLEAR.


DO NOT MAKE ME COME TO YOU AGAIN. IF YOU FIND YOURSELF RUNNING LOW, IF YOU'RE LOSING FOCUS-
-AS YOU VERY CLEARLY WERE WHEN YOU DECIDED TO HIRE LT. BLACK-
-YOU CALL ME.
THAT'S WHAT I'M HERE FOR. TO HELP YOU STAY FOCUSED.

THERE'S FAR TOO MUCH AT STAKE FOR YOU TO BE SLIPPING UP LIKE THIS, CHIEF, AND I'D HATE TO HAVE TO RESORT TO... HARSHER MEASURES TO ENSURE THAT YOU GRASP THAT FACT.
ARE WE ON THE SAME PAGE HERE?

I'M SURE WE ARE.


GRAB

A PLEASURE AS ALWAYS, CHIEF. I'LL SEE MYSELF OUT, IF YOU DON'T MIND.
AND CHIEF, NOT TO BELABOR THE POINT...
...BUT I HOPE- FOR YOUR SAKE AND *HERS*-
-THAT WE SEE NOTHING SHORT OF ***SPECTACULAR*** RESULTS FROM YOUR TWO FRIENDS OUT THERE.
SHUT
CHIEF GENOME

SMASH!

OH MAN, CHECK OUT WHAT HAPPENS OVER THE NEXT COUPLE WEEKS THOUGH
?!

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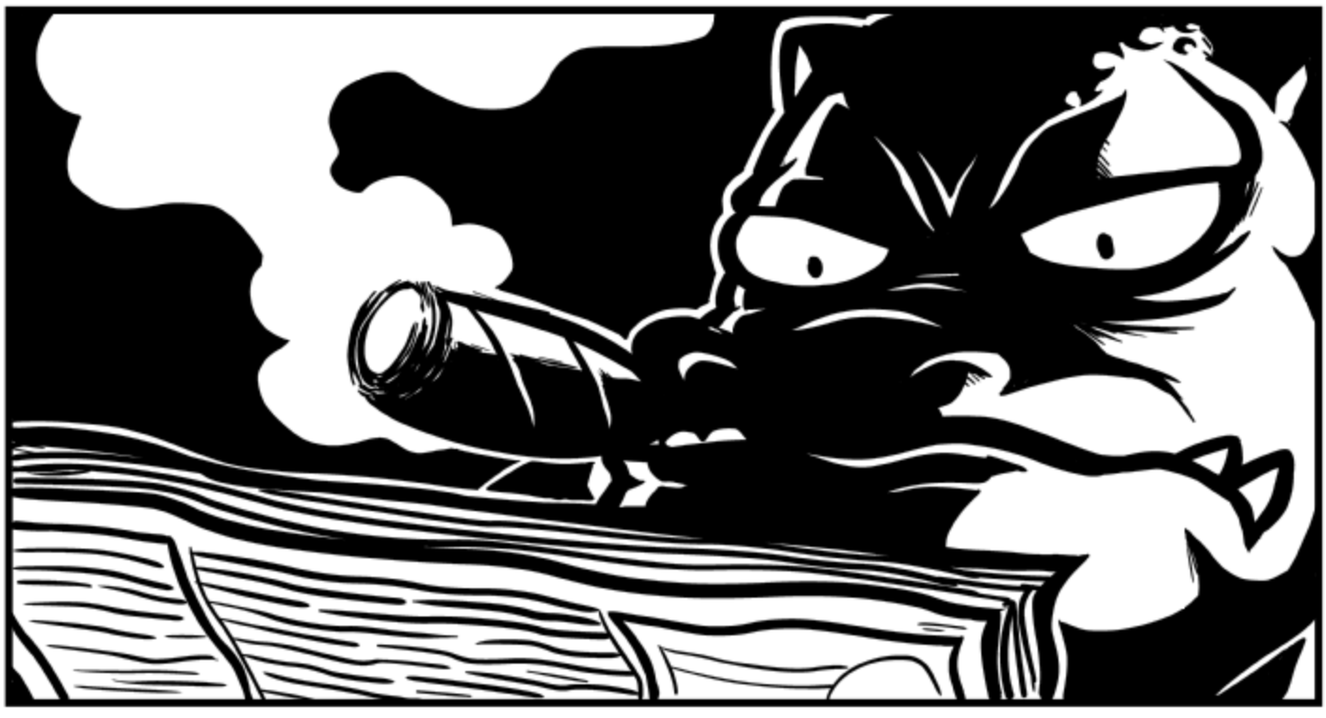

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